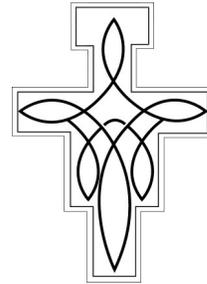


# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



## The Word of God

*Prelude: Sleepers, Awake*

*J.S. Bach*

The Opening Hymn

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

Hymn #692, v. 1 & 3

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; and in your wea - ri -  
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am the dark world's light; look un - to me, your  
ness lay down your head up - on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, so  
morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found in  
wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk 'til pil - grim days are done.

Words by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) FOREST GREEN English melody, adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1959)

## The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Deacon/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic  
Celebrant: The Rev. Jude Lyons*

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## The First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21

*Reader: Kathy Compton*

1<sup>st</sup> Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## The Response

*Reader: Kathy Compton*

**Psalm 103: 8-13**

*Benedic, anima mea*

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"

As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not

pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be

made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And

out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out,

came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay

what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw

what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded

with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord hand-

ed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of

you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

† The Sermon

*The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic*

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Reader: Mary Deley

*The People join in reading the words in bold.*

Sustaining God, hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken.

For civil and religious leaders, for those working for peace and justice, for those working with the poor and the unsheltered, bless them with integrity and truth, compassion and love. God of wisdom, **hear our prayers.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **hear our prayers.**

For all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all healing, **hear our prayers.**

For those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, injustice, gun violence, abuse or prejudice of any kind, and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters, especially the raging fires in nine states and the flood damage from the hurricanes. We pray for the healing of those suffering from the coronavirus and those ministering to them. God of protecting love, **hear our prayers.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all we have, **hear our prayers.**

For all those who have died, especially Valmore Charles Valiquette, Sr. , and those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of comfort and grace, **hear our prayers.**

Celebrant Gracious God, thank you for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine.

Help us be faithful to our Christian calling especially in this world that needs people of justice, of peace and dreamers for a world of one heart. We ask this in the name and power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



## The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound,*

*Virginia Harmony*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;*

*How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;*

*He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;*

*'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days to sing God's praise than them we'd first begun.*

*Quartet: Jill Lynch, Kirsten Gould, Mark Bennett*

## The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.

They will become for us spiritual food.

**People We bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

**People We Bless God forever.**

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.

We thank you that we can be present spiritually around your table, no matter how near or far.

**People We bless God forever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here and wherever you are.

**People We praise God together.**

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

**People God has done so much for us.**

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink.**

**You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.**

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.

And so we praise you with all the angels as we say:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

**People All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.**

Celebrant He died for us on the cross and rose from the dead so your Spirit can make us your people.

We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

There he took some bread and gave thanks to you.

He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them, and said, "This is my body.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you."**

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.

He shared it with them, and said

"This is my blood, which brings new life.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you."**

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever,**

✠ Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine so it can be for us the body and blood of Jesus.

Through this food give us the strength to live as your people.

Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

**People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world, until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.**

Celebrant We worship you, praise you, thank you and we bless you. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive*

*Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

### The Blessing

✠ Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen**

The Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn #488, v. 1 & 3

Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
High King of heav - en, when vic - tory is won, may I reach hea - ven's joys,  
7 save that thou art, thou my best throught, by day or by night,  
bright hea - ven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
13 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish ca 700. Music SLANE Irish ballad melody. Hymn #488 The Hymnal 1982

Postlude: H&V Baroque Fantasie

arr. D. Knight