

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

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Order of Worship

We invite you to follow the service in the Book of Common Prayer by referencing the page numbers listed. If you do not have a Prayer Book, you can order one [here](#). All liturgical parts of the service are projected in-building or subtitled in our live video.

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Leviticus 19:9-17

9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin *
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment *
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, *
his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, *
neither 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 great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father pities his own children, *
so is the Lord merciful to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

Romans 14:5-12

- 5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
- 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written,
“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gradual

Matthew 18:21–35

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Neil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

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“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

By Robert Robinson

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good measure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

The Blessing

The Dismissal

To honor this parish's origins in the Anglican Church of Kenya we use the dismissal from the Kenyan Prayer Book.

September Mission Spotlight

Since retiring as the Bishop of Southern Nyanza in 2018, The Rt. Rev. James Ochiel (Bishop James) has established the Bishop Ochiel Siloam Trust. He is continuing his work on scholarships and water tanks for the people of Southern Nyanza. If you would like to contribute to either of these, please mark so on your donation (check or online). For more information about the Trust, please visit their website at bishopochielsiloamtrust.org.

Prayer Reminders for the Week

Those who labor for our common good: ministry directors and musicians

The least reached people group: the Mahishya of South Asia

The persecuted church in: Brunei

First responders, relief & healthcare workers, and armed forces personnel connected to Servants: Tom Benton, Jeannie Bey, Sarah Chandler, Scottie Daquila, Danielle Elswick, Ethan Gibson, Rick Guerry, Annette Hall, John Harris, Lisa Kincaid, Libby King, Peter King, Chris Lewis, Barbara Matthews, Tiebout McCrea, Steve McCready, Tom McGee, Taylor Moore, Kate Norton, Josh Pothen, and Andrew Thompson

Clergy of our parish: Foley, our Archbishop; Neil, our Bishop; Alex, our Rector; Bob and James, assisting clergy; and Sherry in Live Oak

Churches in our diocese: Resurrection Church Anglican, Jacksonville, FL; Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, FL; St. Francis at the Point, Point Clear, AL

Specific needs in our parish: Healing—Tim Austin, Jeannie Bey, Larry Goble, Lourdes Gonzalez, Ken Langeland, Karen Langer, Mark Ludlow, Sandra Mixson, and Jim Moulthrop; Servants at home—Barbara & Tim Austin, Charlotte Barrett, Judi Burger & Rick Mulligan, Jan Campana-Schrottke & Gus Schrottke, Lina Colondres, Mary Coryell, Walter & Alice Crosby, Kathleen Crosby, Shirley Edelstein, Jerri Fisher, Ruben Flores, Marcelo Flores, Larry & Leslie Goble, Ken Handley, Andrew & Claudia Hanson, Karen Haskell, Lynn Jacobs, Joyce La Cagnina, Anne Lawson, Bob Lyons & Rae Maren-Lyons, Jim & Raye Moulthrop, Elena Rhodes, Felix Santana, Cynthia Stehouwer, Nan Szyplulski-Lewis, Al Thrower

Announcements

Wednesdays at Servants: Continuing this Wednesday on Zoom from 7:00–8:00pm, Fr. Alex will be teaching a class exploring the book of Romans which will run each Wednesday through September 30. The link to the class is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9250713428>. Email alex@servantsanglican.org with any questions!

Littlewood Work Day: This Saturday from 9:00am–12:00pm, we'll gather at Littlewood to pull weeds and trim hedges. The work day is sponsored by Servants' Youth Group and everyone is welcome. Bring work gloves, hedge trimmers if you have them, a water bottle, and a mask! Contact Justin Smith at (352) 451-8165 with questions. If you have a battery-powered or manual hedge trimmer you'd be willing to lend, please let Justin know.

Directory Update: Twice a year we update our Fellowship Directory, the list of people who consider Servants their Christian community. If your contact information has changed since February, please complete the [digital connect card](#). If you're new to Servants since February, this is a great opportunity to be added to our directory and you can complete the same form.

Sermon Podcasts: Our sermons are on your favorite podcast app! Visit servantsanglican.org/sermonpodcasts to get the link to subscribe. All sermons from 2020 and most of 2019 have been added. New sermons are added each week, both old and new!

ServantsLINK: Each Tuesday at noon and Thursday at 8:00pm we have a half-hour of fellowship on Zoom. Come say hi to church friends you may not have seen a while! Visit servantsanglican.org/servantslink to log

in to the call.

RSVP for Services: Our in-person services are growing each week and we couldn't be more excited! One of the ways you can help us keep everyone safe is to RSVP by Saturday evening. You can find the link to RSVP at servantsanglican.org/reopening, in the weekly email and, if you have opted in, in your text messages. To be added to our email list or get text messages from us, contact communications@servantsanglican.org. RSVPing allows us to keep track of attendance and will let us know when we need to add a second service to accommodate everyone who wants to come. Thank you so much for your help in this!

Financial Update

We know that money talk can be a real turn-off. We rarely talk about it, but we always include this as a way to be transparent to our parish. Amounts are current as of September 6.

August Budget: \$26,555

2021 Budget YTD: \$68,815

August Giving: \$21,299

2021 Giving YTD: \$44,393