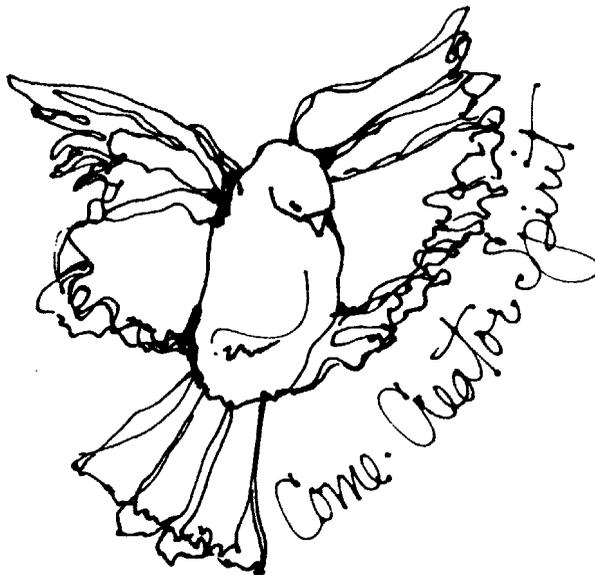


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Brunswick, Maine
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
September 13, 2020



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DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II 10:30 A.M.

We invite you to sing along!

PRELUDE

Improvisation on 'Joyful, Joyful'

R. Day

OPENING HYMN

All creatures of our God and King
(Vv. 1 & 5 only)

Hymnal 400



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People:

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.

Officiant:

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant:

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the



Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all



gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,



and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have



mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the people of his
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
 — Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

PSALM 103 (1-13)

underline: two syllables to one note; **bold**: two notes to one syllable

- 1 Bless the LORD, / O my / soul, *
and all that is within me, / bless his ho-ly / Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, / O my / soul, *
and for- / get not all his / benefits.
- 3 He forgives / all your / sins *
and / **heals** all your / infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your / life from the / grave *
and crowns you with / mercy and lov-ing- / kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with / **good** / things, *
and your / youth is re-newed like an / eagle's.
- 6 The LORD / exe-cutes / righteousness *
and judgment for / all who are op- / pressed.
- 7 He made his ways / known to / Moses *
and his / works to the children of / Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of com- / passion and / mercy, *
slow to / anger and of great / kindness.
- 9 He will not / always ac- / cuse us, *
nor will he / keep his anger for / ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us ac- / ording to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us ac- / cord-ing to our / wickedness.

- 11 For as the heavens are / high a-bove the / earth, *
so is his mercy / great up- on those who / fear him.
- 12 As far as the / east is from the / west, *
so far has he re- / moved our **sins** / from us.
- 13 As a father / cares for his / children, *
so does the LORD / care for those who / fear him.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Ho-ly / Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- / ev-er, **A-** / men.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 13 A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Lector: A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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 handed 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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Katie Holicky

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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THE PRAYERS

Officiant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: 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.*

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

God, our teacher, we lift up with great thanksgiving those who have been called to teach. As we step into an uncertain and new school year, bless us, especially our teachers, with wisdom and peace. Ease the shared anxiety of teachers, students, and parents. Bless teachers who are preparing to lead in a new way, students in their need for a healthy rhythm of learning, and parents who seek the best way forward for their families. Be with us, God of love, as we head together into this new way of learning and growing. May community steeped in your love and care for one another be the foundation on which we stand. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE DEVICES AND BACKPACKS

God, you have asked us to follow you, and we do so now in ways we had not previously imagined. As we step into a new season of life and learning together we ask that you continue to be what binds us in community. We ask that you bless our digitally-integrated lives and devices that keep us connected in worship, learning and with those we love. We ask also, God that you bless the devices and backpacks of the students and teachers in our midst. That they may be tools that serve them in a healthy rhythm of learning and growth. God, our teacher and guide, we thank you and pray always in your name. *Amen.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless this couple. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please add your thanksgivings, intercessions and petitions in the silence, either silently or aloud.

Please select a group of names to pray for.

Christy, Ryan & family, Ethel, Ray, John, David, Judi, Carolyn B., Nick, Bob, Linda, Kathy, Skip, the Blackburn family, Willow, Tierra, Ann, Jim, Lollie, Steve and James	Jennifer, John, Reeve, Victor, Travis & family, Ben, Diane, Nate, Elijah, Priscilla, Garrett, Elliot, Marcia, Lynn, Peter, Patricia, Patrick, Bill, Bob, Paul, Sue and Julie	Matthew, Herb, Marijka and baby Savannah, Gair, baby Thomas, Jason, Annie, Carole, Arline, Franklin, Terry, Mark, Ronda, Donelda, Sudie, and Pat
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- ◇ Pray for the congregation of St. Columba's in Boothbay Harbor, and for the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti
- ◇ Pray for Anderson, Andrew, Cedric, Jason, Michael, Richard, and all in the military.
- ◇ Pray for those who died, remembering especially Alan, in-law and friend of Tobey Lee, and Mary Bangs, who died this week.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bless the Lord My Soul
St. Paul's Virtual Choir

Jacques Bethier

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. (*Ephesians 3:20, 21*)

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'

R. Day

Ministries	10:30 a.m.
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Officiant	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund
Intercessor	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
Lectors	First Reading - Rick Wile Second Reading - Cliff Ruprecht Third Reading - Julia Walkling
Holy Tech Volunteer	Carol Lord

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Junior Warden

Lynn Johnson
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Carolyn Farr
Administrative Assistant

Aubrey Farmer
Sexton

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Term ending 2021 — Abigail Manny Patterson, Susan Martens, William Edman

Term ending 2022 — Katy Rivera, Charla Spann, Phil Studwell

Term ending 2023 — Carol Martin, Bob Jackson, David Treadwell

