

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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The congregation is invited to say the words together in bold. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.

Welcome

Prelude

Tiento del Quinto Tono – Antonio de Cabezón

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Opening Rite: Liturgy of Light

All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.

Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord’s Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord’s Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus’ sake. For the same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4: 5-6)

Candles are now be lit in the church. You are invited to light candles at home, as we pray the following prayer:

May the light of Christ gloriously risen dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
May this simple flame of love and hope be found still burning by the Morning Star; the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ our Savior, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.

Confession

As we worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we are reconciled to God and each other.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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.**

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

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Officiant continues with the prayer appointed for the day called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings of the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture of the day.

God is with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Opening Hymn

Wade in the Water LEVAS 143

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see?
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,
 God's a-gon-na trou-ble the

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,
 wa - ter.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Exodus Exodus 14:19-31

God's messenger, who had been in front of Israel's camp, moved and went behind them. The column of cloud moved from the front and took its place behind them. It stood between Egypt's camp and Israel's camp. The cloud remained there, and when darkness fell it lit up the night. They didn't come near each other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land. The waters were split into two. The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry. As morning approached, the Lord looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. The Lord jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn't turn easily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, because 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 comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh's entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left.

The Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the amazing power of the Lord against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 124. The congregation is invited to read the verses in bold.

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled;
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams;
you little hills, like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 18:21-35)

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

“When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

“Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

“When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Sermon: The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

Anthem: Till All the Jails are Empty (by Carl Daw)

1. Till all the jails are emp - ty and all the bel - lies filled; till
2. In ten - e - ment and man - sion, in fac - t'ry, farm, and mill; in
3. By sit - ting at a bed - side to hold pale trem - bling hands, by

no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled; till
board - room and in bill - iard hall, in wards where time stands still, in
speak - ing for the pow - er - less a - gainst un - just de - mands, by

age and race and gen - der no long - er sep - a - rate; till
class - room, church, and of - fice, in shops or on the street; in
pray - ing through our do - ing and sing - ing though we fear, by

pul - pit, press, and pol - i - tics are free from greed and hate:
ev - ery place where peo - ple thrive or starve or hide or meet:
trust - ing that the seed we sow will bring God's har - vest near:

God has work for us to do; God has work for us to do.

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Affirmation of Faith

Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. However, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to."

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God the Father the almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgive-ness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers for the church throughout the world. For our companion relationships with [Cristosal](#) and the people and church in El Salvador; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Fulton**. Pray for the Church.

I invite your prayers for our nation, for the upcoming election. I invite your prayers for all those in authority in our own communities and across this world. Pray for justice and good governance.

I invite your prayers for the earth that God has given us, that we might steward and protect the land and all its inhabitants. Pray for the earth.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week: Warren Davis, Mary Ann Hatlelid, Jacob Swanson, Butch Sterbenz. And those celebrating anniversaries: Jessica & Jacob Gardner, and Lisa & Tim Heaner. For what do you give thanks to God?

I invite your prayers of petition for those in any need or trouble, for all affected by the coronavirus. Pray for your own needs, and those of others.

I invite your prayers for that whole cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Pray for those who have died.

O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See announcements](#)

Final Prayers

God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son. In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone. Strengthen our community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world.

Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel and give us the grace to see the face of Christ in the people with whom we live. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God; that we who have celebrated Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

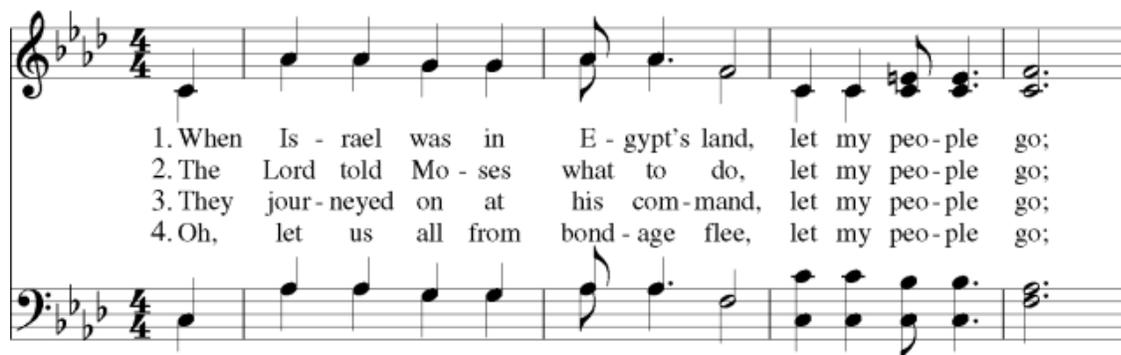
The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Final Hymn:

Go Down, Moses LEVAS 228



1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;



1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.



Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —



tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Service Leaders

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