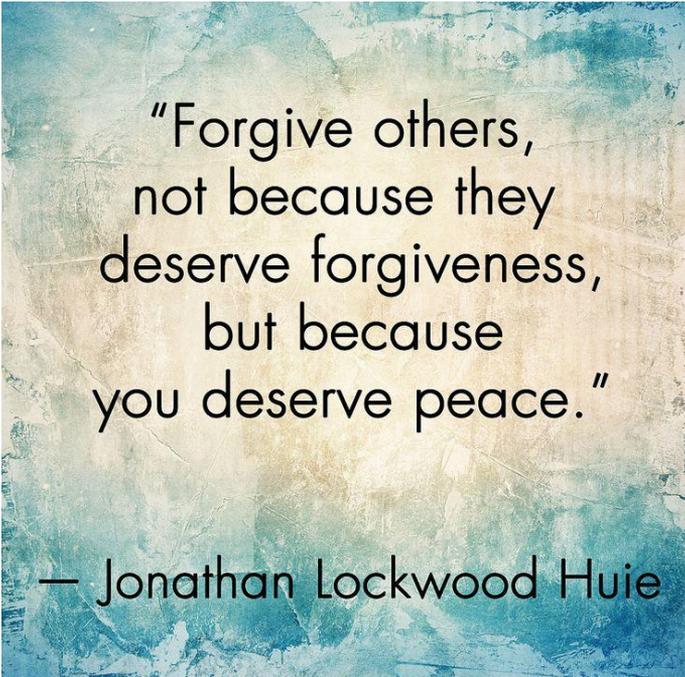


Fifteenth Sunday

after

Pentecost



"Forgive others,
not because they
deserve forgiveness,
but because
you deserve peace."

— Jonathan Lockwood Huie

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(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a time of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

Prayer Before Worship: O Lord God, your forgiveness is beyond our understanding. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of grace and teach us how to be gracious as you yourself show grace to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Order of Service – The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn- No Hymns

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most High.

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

COLLECT: 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**

LESSONS:

A Reading from **Genesis 50:15-21:**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

- 1 [Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy
Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget 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 loving-
kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]

- 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.

A Reading from **Romans 14:1-12**

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.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

18:21-35: 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Kester-Beyer

The Nicene Creed

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 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 the 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name
may be united in your truth, live together in your
love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in
the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one
another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

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

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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Hosana in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we has fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death , you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and dies as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

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

Our Father, in heaven,
Hallowed be thy 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ Keep you in
Everlasting life. **AMEN**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
And you have fed us with spiritual food
In the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
And grant us strength and courage
To love and serve you
With gladness and singleness of heart;
Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: No hymns.

Dismissal (Alleluia)

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

Intercessions aloud or silently.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

The Anglican Church of South America

† The Most Revd Gregory James Venables

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

St. Mark's Pro Cathedral, Hastings

† The Very Rev. Katie Hargis

† Deacon Greg Burke

Brother James Dowd and the Benedictine Way

Brother James Dowd OSB

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

September 16: Judy Kieler

September 19: Mary Taedter

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES:

FLOWERS GIVEN:

Mitchell Ministerial Association Food Pantry:

Tuna Helper

Backpack Program:

Individual Cereals and Ramen Noodles
