



# PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Celebrant And Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

**Processional**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;



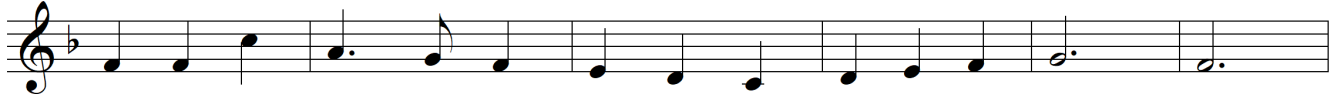
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion:



join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.



4.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



All that hath life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Celebrant says*

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

People

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

*The Celebrant says*

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 following is sung.*

**Gloria**

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280



1.Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and  
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men

**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.*

**First Reading**

Exodus 14:19-31

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!  
 When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
 and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
 Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
 and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
 you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**Second Reading** Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** Come Down, O Love Divine Hymn 516

I. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul\_ of mine,  
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing; O Com - fort - er, draw

near, with - in my heart ap - pear, and kin-dle it, thy ho-ly flame be - stow - ing.

3.And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul — will long,

shall far out-pass the power of hu - man tell - ing; for none can guess its

grace, till Love cre - ate a place where - in the Ho-ly Spi-rit makes a — dwell-ing.

**Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

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 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.  
 People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Nicene Creed**

*All who are able, stand.*

*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.*

**Prayers of the People**

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister 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*

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forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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.

**Peace**

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

**Announcements**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Offertory**

Ace Verum Corpus (Sung in Latin)

Peter Phillips

**Voices of St. Paul's**

Emily Neuhauser and Linda McKinney, sopranos  
Andrea Dreier, alto  
Russell McKinney, tenor  
Jon Douglas Bass

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for all people,  
From whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
In the trial of death, be for us a foretaste of the heavenly feast.  
O sweet Jesus, O Holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary,  
Have mercy on me.*

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

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*The people remain standing.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
People We lift them to the Lord.  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 125



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heaven\_\_ and earth\_\_ are full\_\_ of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -



san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name\_\_ of the

high - est,  
 Lord. Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

**Lord's Prayer**

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*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

**Breaking of the Bread**

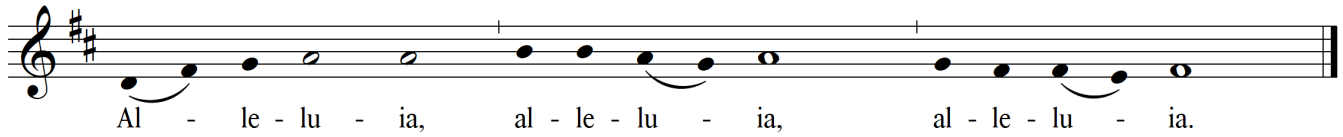
*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep \_\_\_\_\_ the feast.



**Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

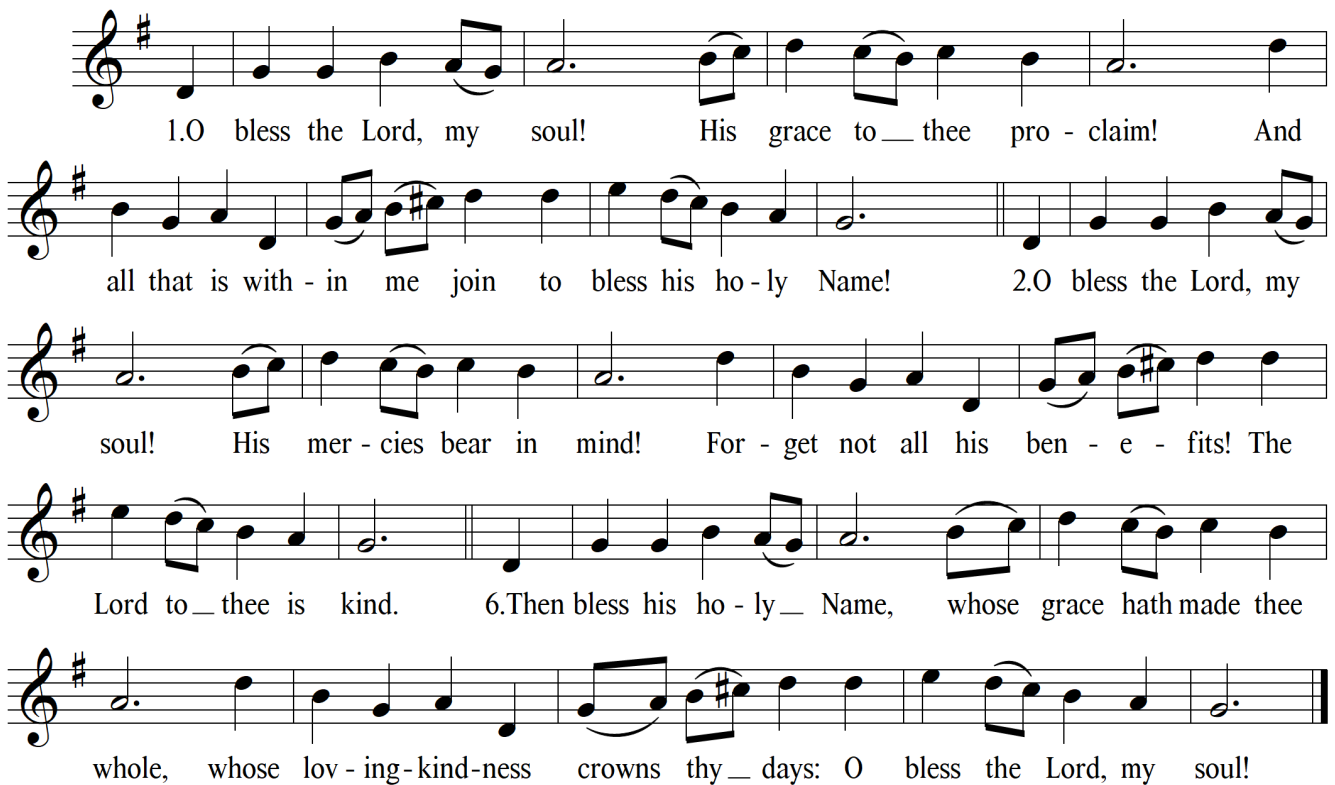
*Celebrant and People*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**Recessional**

O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

Hymn 411



**Homily**

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

**Final Prayer**

*The Celebrant says*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

Deacon  
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Postlude**

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