



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2020  
11 a.m.

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE REV. KATHY ROCK PFISTER, *Canon Vicar*  
Celebrant

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Lamento on *Michael*

George Baker (b.1951)

### CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

V. Look O Lord, graciously upon thy covenant, and forsake not the congregation of the poor forever:

R. Arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause; and be not unmindful of the voices of them that seek thee.

### HYMN 665

*Michael*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 God's great good-ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

# The Word of God

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 404

*Old 124th*

We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.

*The first stanza may be repeated at the end.*

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19–31

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.**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 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 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

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 HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Barkley S. Thompson, Dean

## 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 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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant says*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People remain standing.*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## *The Holy Communion*

### AT THE OFFERTORY

SOLO

Joseph Brackett (1797–1882)  
arr. Aaron Copland (1900–1990)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

— *Joseph Brackett*

*Michaela Wagner, soloist*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel or stand.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.



And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the**

mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*In this season, we are administering only bread and not wine. This is called the doctrine of concomitance, or “reception in one kind.” As The Episcopal Dictionary of the Church explains, “The doctrine of concomitance upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine.” The consecrated bread is a full measure of grace.*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Saraband from Six Pieces for Organ

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

### *Music Notes*

Achieving wide popularity only after its inclusion in Aaron Copland’s 1944 ballet, *Appalachian Spring*, *Tis the gift to be simple* is the work of Shaker elder, composer, and author Joseph Brackett Jr. of Alfred, Maine. In a form known as a “dance song” or “quick dance,” the text affirms the principle of Shaker simplicity while cuing the singers to “bow and to bend,” at the appropriate time, and by “turning, turning” to come around to their starting positions. Copland included this song in his 1950 collection *Old American Songs*, the setting we hear today, which was given its world premiere by Benjamin Britten, piano, and Peter Pears, tenor, at the festival they founded in Aldeburgh, England. — RLS

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### *The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember Robert Stuart Koelsch.

### *The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Thomas E. Cobb and Jennifer E. Cobb.

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# Welcome

## Sunday, September 13, 2020

### Announcements

#### ❖ TODAY




**Today is the launch of Making Our Home for Faith** • For millennia, Christians have sought to integrate their faith into the rhythms of daily life. Join Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister and Canon Becky Zartman for the Dean's Hour Matinee at 2 p.m. as they explore practices, ancient and modern, through which we can discover the sacred in everyday life. This event will be on Zoom Webinar and streamed live to Facebook. For the full event experience, register in advance for the Zoom Webinar by visiting the "Registrations & Downloads" page on our website.

❖ **Next Sunday, we return to in-person worship** • At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, the Cathedral will be open for in-person worship. The Dean's Tuesday email will include registration links as well as a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Please review these questions to help you determine whether in-person worship is right for you at this time, and know that our livestreamed services will continue at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. on Facebook Live, Vimeo, and our website.

❖ **Theology Roundtable begins next Sunday** • Join the Rev. Betty Adam, Alan Jackson, and Canon Vicar Kathy Pfister as the Roundtable begins its adventure in ecological theology. We will look at the emergence of the ecological movement, its development across the Anglican Communion, and dig into the theological underpinnings for our call to care for creation. This class meets the third Sunday of each month on Zoom. Visit [christchurchcathedral.org/cathedral-events](http://christchurchcathedral.org/cathedral-events) to find the Zoom registration link.

❖ **Fall programming begins at the Cathedral** • Learn about the many ways to connect with your Cathedral family and grow in your faith this fall on our new "Cathedral Events" webpage. This page is a one-stop-shop for events at the Cathedral with everything you need to learn about and register for fall events. Simply visit the "Cathedral Events" button on our homepage or [christchurchcathedral.org/cathedral-events](http://christchurchcathedral.org/cathedral-events).

❖ **How to make a donation online** • It is simple to make a donation on the Cathedral website. Look for the tab at the top of the site that says, "Give." Click on the tab for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral. We are now offering options to pay via PayPal as well as a new "text-to-give" option. Simply text "Give" to 888-998-1634, and follow the instructions. If you have questions, contact Chief Administrative Officer and Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at [kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org) or 713-590-3338.

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