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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
5 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Houston, Texas

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist

five o'clock in the evening

THE REV. KATHY ROCK PFISTER, *Canon Vicar*

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

OPENING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH AND IRISH TUNES

HYMN “LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE’S SONG”

Capel-Y-Ddol

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The Word of God

Celebrant Welcome to this holy place.

People **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.**

Celebrant Come all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; come.

People **Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stay with us, Lord, since the day is far spent and the night is coming; kindle our hearts on the Way, that we may recognize you in the scriptures, in the breaking of the bread, and in each other. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19–31

Reader A Reading from the Book of 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.**

HYMN “CHRIST AS A LIGHT”

Crodh-Laoigh Nam Bodach

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE REFLECTION

The Very Rev. Barkley S. Thompson, Dean

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(The People may remain seated.)*

The Leader begins

As evening falls and courage sometimes falters, let us turn our hearts to God in prayer.

Silence

We pray for those gathered here and all that lies heavy on our hearts. We pray that you would know our needs even before we recognize them. Grant us those good things for which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot, ask.

Silence

We pray for those in positions of leadership in the world, our nation, our state, and our city. Grant them the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice, that they may promote the well-being of all people.

Silence

We pray for the sick, the bereaved, the oppressed, and the homeless, that they may be comforted by your Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places.

Silence

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing, trusting that you make all things new.

Silence

We pray for this and all communities of faith. We pray that you would open the hearts of your faithful to seek your truth and pursue it in love.

Silence

We pray that you would disturb us, Lord, when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the water of life. Push back, we pray, the horizons of our hopes, and move us into your future in strength, courage, hope, and love.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins.

The People stand.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SOLO "FORGIVENESS IS YOUR GIFT"

Solas An T'Saoghail

Joel Goodloe, soloist

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. With friend, with stranger, with young and old, be among us tonight.

People **Come close to us that we may come close to you. Strengthen us that we may strengthen one another. Renew us that where we have failed, we may begin again.**

The People kneel or stand.

In the beginning God made the world. The world flowed from God and God shaped it, filling it with light and life. God knew the world, but we chose not to know God. We turned from God, and though God sought us through patriarchs, matriarchs, and prophets, still we strayed. Our rebellion imperiled the fullness God intends for us, and when the world could bear no more, God sent Jesus, his Son. Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took

wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it and gave the cup to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it." Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining, and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring for the world. Through, with, and for the love of Christ, we share this bread and cup in the unity of your Spirit, Father Almighty. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant and People

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now grant that with all our heart, mind, and strength, we may evermore seek your face in all those we meet in the world. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING MUSIC

TRADITIONAL IRISH TUNE

Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

Kimberly Clark, *flautist*

Sally Keller, *cellist*

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

- ❖ **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 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.
- ❖ **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 or 713-590-3338.

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