



St. John's Episcopal Church

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
10:00 AM

Voluntary

Aria

Herbert Howells

Entrance Hymn 410 (*Sung by all*)

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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 for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Homily

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh

The Prayers of the People

Father, 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering Donald, our president, Ron, our Governor, and John, our mayor, 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.

Remembering all those affected by natural disasters, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Hart Stringfellow, give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering Julia Livingston, Lucia Quintiliani, Shari Arrington, the Kemp family, Emerson Pullen, Lila Poston, Catherine Fontaine, Susan Petrizzo, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest.

Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ taught us to love and to serve, may we be guided by Your Holy Spirit in this time of decision for our nation. Help us to remember that there are so many around the world who do not have this freedom, and remember too the lives lost to fight for our right to vote here in this democratic republic we call home. Grant us wisdom in our discernment as we choose our leaders, and the grace to accept the results with humility. And once the election is decided, give us all the strength and compassion to work to heal this divided nation, that we may be empowered in common purpose. All this we ask in Your name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest offers absolution of sin.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

You can make your offering to God a few different ways:

1. *You can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56*
2. *You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage.*
3. *You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301.*
4. *If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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:

Sanctus S 129 (*Sung by all*)

Holy, holy, holy

Robert Powell

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had 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 die 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:

Priest and People:

**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:

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Said by all)*

Priest: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus we thank you for the sacrament of your body and blood, in which we believe that you are truly present. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood at this time, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, may we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 347, vv. 1-2 (*Sung by all*)

Go forth for God

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Allegro impetuoso

Herbert Howells

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Flower Dedication

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, by Jan and Ash Williams