



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

AN ONLINE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

Sunday September 13. 2020 10:30am

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (BWV 633) (Dearest Jesus, we are here)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Performed by Wolfgang Zerer





Opening Responsories

Officiant: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one

another as I have loved you. (John 13.34)

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips

People: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: Visit us with your salvation

People: and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ,

as we prepare to worship almighty God,

let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins

that we may obtain forgiveness

by his infinite mercy.

Officiant: Most merciful God,

People: 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Collect for the Fifteenth after Pentecost

Officiant: Almighty God,

you call your Church to witness

that in Christ we are reconciled to you.

Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may turn to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.



The Readings

Psalm 114

Said responsively Book of Alternative services p. 862

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Amen.



Jubilate



Old Testament Reading

(Read in French)

Reader: A Reading from the book of 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.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

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A moment of silence is observed



Hymn 546 God Moves in a Mysterious Way



A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 18.21-35)

Then Peter came and said to him, '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 should 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 should 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.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily: The Rev. Karen Egan



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Alternative services p.53

Officiant: I believe in God,

People: the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and

born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN 606

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy





The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the knowledge of all God has done for us,

let us bring to him our concerns.

Let us pray for the Church:

Prayers for the church are offered

Leader: Thank you, Father, for the love which forgives again and again, and is prepared to trust us with the care of your people even after we have let you down so many times.

Teach us to minister to one another's needs with compassion, sensitivity and discipline, so that all of your people are affirmed and encouraged.

The Lord is full of compassion:

All: His love lasts for ever.

Leader:

Thank you, Father, for the order and variety, simplicity and complexity of this universe.

Thank you for all that humankind is able to do; may all these gifts be used wisely and well, for the good of all, including those as yet unborn.

Let us pray for all nations and their leaders:

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader:

Thank you Father for what we have been forgiven and for the opportunities we have been given each day to share your joy and to forgive others. Help us to work through our self-righteousness and keep us learning in humility at your feet.

The Lord is full of compassion:

All: His love lasts for ever.

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering, that they may find healing in your transforming love.

Prayers are offered for those in danger or need, and for the sick and the suffering.

During the silence, please add your requests in your hearts or aloud.

Leader: Healing God, lay your hands on those who suffer, so that they may know the support of your presence and the healing of your touch.

The Lord is full of compassion.

All: His love lasts for ever.

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Leader: We pray for those who have died.

The names of those who have died are offered

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,

and strengthen us to do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,

and so we have the courage to say

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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.



Blessing

Officiant: The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,

the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,

the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Postlude

God Moves in Mysterious Ways (George Dyson 1883 – 1964) Played by *Peter Dyke*

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office (office@st-georges.org) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
 Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Virtual coffee hour:
 - Friday from 7-8pm (all are welcome)
- Study Group "Cracking Open White Identity towards transformation" beginning late September

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