

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn, “O Worship the King”**

*Johann Michael Haydn, Robert Grant*

O worship the King all glorious above and gratefully sing His wonderful love. Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite. It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills it descends to the plain and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender; how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*      The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

*People*          ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

*Celebrant*      Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People*          ***Who made heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant*      I was glad when they said to me:

*People*          ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

*Celebrant*      Praise the Lord.

*People*          ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

*All*              ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

*Celebrant*      Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

*People*            ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified at home.

*People*            ***Be glorified in church.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified in Texas.

*People*            ***Be glorified in the United States.***

*Celebrant*        Be glorified on earth.

*People*            ***Be glorified in heaven.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Father.

*People*            ***Glory to the Son.***

*Celebrant*        Glory to the Spirit.

*People*            ***Forever Three in One.***

*Celebrant*        Alleluia!            *People*        ***Amen.***

### **The Collect for Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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 First Reading is from the Apocrypha, the Book of Ecclesiasticus**

beginning to read at chapter 27. God reserves anger and vengeance for Himself. It is not our place to judge each other. A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

<sup>30</sup> Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them.

**28** The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. <sup>2</sup> Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. <sup>3</sup> Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? <sup>4</sup> If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? <sup>5</sup> If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? <sup>6</sup> Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.

<sup>7</sup>Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults. (NRSV)

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

**Psalm 103:1-14** *Let us read this responsively by half verse.*

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul, \*  
***and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.***
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, \*  
***and forget not all his benefits:***
- 3 Who forgives all your sin \*  
***and heals all your infirmities,***
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit \*  
***and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,***
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, \*  
***renewing your youth like an eagle's.***
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment \*  
***for all those who are oppressed with wrong.***
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, \*  
***his works to the children of Israel.***
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
***long-suffering and of great goodness.***
- 9 He will not always chide us, \*  
***neither will he keep his anger for ever.***
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
***nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.***
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
***so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.***
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
***so far has he set our sins from us.***
- 13 As a father pities his own children, \*  
***so is the Lord merciful to those who fear him.***
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; \*

*he remembers that we are but dust.*

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**The Second Reading, Romans 14:5-12** is found in your Sanctuary Bible on page 1206. Paul warns disciples not to pass judgment on others and urges followers of Jesus to honor the Lord in all that they do. A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For 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. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (ESV)

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*People* ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"**

***Lynn De Shazo***

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)***

*Celebrant* We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 18 beginning to read at verse 21.

**The Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35** is found in your Sanctuary Bible on page 1047.

<sup>21</sup> Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But

when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (ESV)

*Celebrant* This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.**

**Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"**

*Lynn DeShazo*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.*

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* ***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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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.***

### **Prayer Intercessions**

*Celebrant*        Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

*Psalmist*        We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

*All*                ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

*Psalmist*        Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

*All*                ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

*All*                ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; and Clark, our Bishop; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

*All*                ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

*Psalmist*        We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

*All*                ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

*Psalmist*        For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

*All*                ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

*All* ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Our Savior Anglican Church, Houston, TX. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All* ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

*All* ***Protect them, O Lord.***

*Psalmist* We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Psalmist* Gracious Father, we thank You for the rain showers that we experienced this week. Thank You for sending the rain to refresh and replenish the earth You created.

*All* ***Heavenly Father, we thank You.***

*Psalmist* Almighty and immortal God, giver of life and health: We implore in your mercy to stop the spread of COVID-19; healing for all infected by the virus, that by your blessing upon them and upon those who minister to them with your healing gifts, they may be restored to health of body and mind, according to your gracious will, and may give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

## **Prayer of Penitence**

*Celebrant* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow Him. If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his

cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to Me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

*All            Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Celebrant    Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.*

*All            Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.*

## **The Peace**

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

*People        And also with you.*

## **Offertory**

### **Offertory Song, “We Praise You”**

*Brandon Lake, Brian Johnson, Matt Redman, Phil Wickham*

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy. Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety. Let it rise let praise arise.

We sing Your name in the dark; and it changes everything. We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory. Let it rise let praise arise.



*Chorus* We'll see you break down every wall. We'll watch the giants fall. For fear cannot survive when we praise You. The God of breakthrough's on our side. Forever lift Him high. With all creation cry God we praise You.

Let faith be the song that overcomes the raging sea. Let faith be the song that calms the storm inside of me. Let it rise let faith arise. (*Chorus*)

*Bridge* This is what living looks like. This is what freedom feels like. This is what Heaven sounds like. We praise You we praise You. (*x2, Chorus*)

*Celebrant* All things come from you O Lord.

*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People* ***He is.***

*Celebrant* This is our God.

*People* ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

*Celebrant* We are His people.

*People* ***We are redeemed.***

*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 Him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord: For He is Your living Word from before time and for all ages; by Him you created all things, and by Him You make all things new.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing:

***“Sanctus”***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)***

***Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...***

***Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)***

***All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; 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’.

*People* ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

*Celebrant* In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

*People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

*People* ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

*People*            ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

*Celebrant*        This is the feast of victory!

*People*            ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

### **The Communion**

*Celebrant*        *As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:*

*All*                ***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, forever and ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant*        We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People*            ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

*Celebrant*        The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People*            ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

*Celebrant*        Draw near with faith and receive.

*People*            ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

*Celebrant*        Christ is alive for ever.

*People*            ***We are because He is.***

*The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

### **“Behold the Lamb”**

*Dottie Rambo*

***Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.***

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.*

## **Communion Songs**

### **“Revelation Song”**

*Jennie Lee Riddle*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat. (x2)

*Chorus* Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing, praise to The King of Kings, You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color; flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder. Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be, to You, the only wise King. (*Chorus*)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name; Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water; such a marvelous mystery. (*Chorus*)

### **“Rest in Faith”**

*Charlie Hall*

You are the Healer of my soul. (*Echo*) All I am and everywhere I go. (*Echo*) You're my secret place; my rest in faith I know. (*Echo*)

*Chorus* When I'm weak You are strong; when hurt You are healing. In death You are life; when lonely You are bringing Your love and holding me up. My Redeemer, Conqueror, Savior and Friend. Lord, my Salvation, my song to the end. My Victory, Deliverer and Lifter of my head.

Your blood Lord Jesus makes me whole. (*Echo*) You wash my heart and make me white as snow. (*Echo*) Lord, You give me rest; You hold me as I go. (*Echo*) (*Chorus*)

### **“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

*Louisa M.R. Stead, William J. Kirkpatrick*

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word; just to rest upon His promise; just to know “thus sayeth the Lord”.

*Chorus* Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him; how I proved Him o'er and o'er. Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus; O for grace to trust Him more. Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus; just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking; life and rest and joy and peace. (*Chorus*)

I'm so glad I learned to trust You; precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that You are with me; will be with me to the end. (*2nd Chorus*)

*2nd Chorus* Jesus, Jesus how I trust You; how I proved You o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus; O for grace to trust You more; O for grace to trust You more, I need grace to trust You more. Grant us grace to trust You more.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"**

*John Rippon, George Keith, Joseph Funk*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than He's already said, you, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed! For I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design the dross to consume, and the gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Words of dismissal.

*All* ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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