

**Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2020**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
The Rev. Jamie Samilio

Prelude

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

arr. Edward Broughton

**Prayer for the Church of the Good Samaritan**

**People**     *Almighty and wonderful God, we thank you for the many blessings you so abundantly give to Good Samaritan. We ask that as we journey, you guide us in wisdom, in patience, in kindness, humility, and compassion. Please grant us understanding and courage to make wise decisions and to support one another. Remind us that you are ever present with us and with your help all things are possible. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn #516** *Come down, O Love divine (Vs. 1 and 3)* (Kathy Pollak)

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
Where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

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

*Celebrant*     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.**

**All:** *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

**People**     *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

**The Collect:** 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.*

**Old Testament: 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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord  
*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

#### **Psalm 114**

- 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.

#### **The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in



**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**

**Let us pray.**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, liberate us from the slavery of judgment and anger, keep us mindful of our accountability to You and always aware that You forgive us as sincerely and grace-fully as *we forgive* all others.

Most Merciful Lord

**RESPONSE:** **I am accountable to You**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, in these perilous times, energize us to press the urgency of informed decision-making and rational response to crises for ourselves and especially the leaders of our Planet, our Nation, and our Local Community. We pray especially for: *add your own petitions*

Most Merciful Lord

**I am accountable to You**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, part the waves of illness, pain, and despair for all whose hope is sinking; and lift the spirits of those who provide support. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need... *add your own petitions*

Most Merciful Lord

**I am accountable to You**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, our souls are comforted by the heavenly embrace and infinite peace of our loved ones who now live again in You. We pray especially for... *add your own petitions*

Most Merciful Lord

**I am accountable to You**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials... *add your own petitions*

Most Merciful Lord

**I am accountable to You**

**Leader** Holy God, Pillar of our Universe, bestow an unlimited capacity for energy and spiritual joy to all who are anointed and entrusted to guide us by Your Word and Wisdom. We pray especially for: *add your own petitions*

Most Merciful Lord

**I am accountable to You**

**Celebrant** O God of Wind and Water, our Light in the Darkness, quicken our faith in Your Presence, and impose upon us the character and courage to forgive as forgiven, seeking Your dry ground of

mercy and compassion for all. We ask always through the blessings of Your Son Jesus, our Christ; and Your most Holy Spirit, our Counselor; who are together with You, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

Minister and People:

***Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.***

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Peace**

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

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

## **Birthday and Anniversary Blessing**

### **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*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 a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

***Celebrant and People*** ***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.***

Celebrant: 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:

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

The Celebrant continues: 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 forever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

**Music at Communion** *Father, we thank thee* (Hymn #302, Organ)

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Blessing

## **Closing Hymn: #596 *Judge eternal, throned in splendor (Vs. 1 and 3)***

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of Kings,  
With thy living fire of judgment, purge this land of bitter things;  
Solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor; cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
Feed all those who do not know thee with a richness of thy word;  
Cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

The Dismissal: ***Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

***Postlude***

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