

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FL

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Rite II

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves to worship God.

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Canticle 6

"Glory Be to God"

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1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about how He has saved all humankind from the power of death by raising His Son to life again. We respond proclaiming our belief, praying for the world, and greeting one another in His Name.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

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."

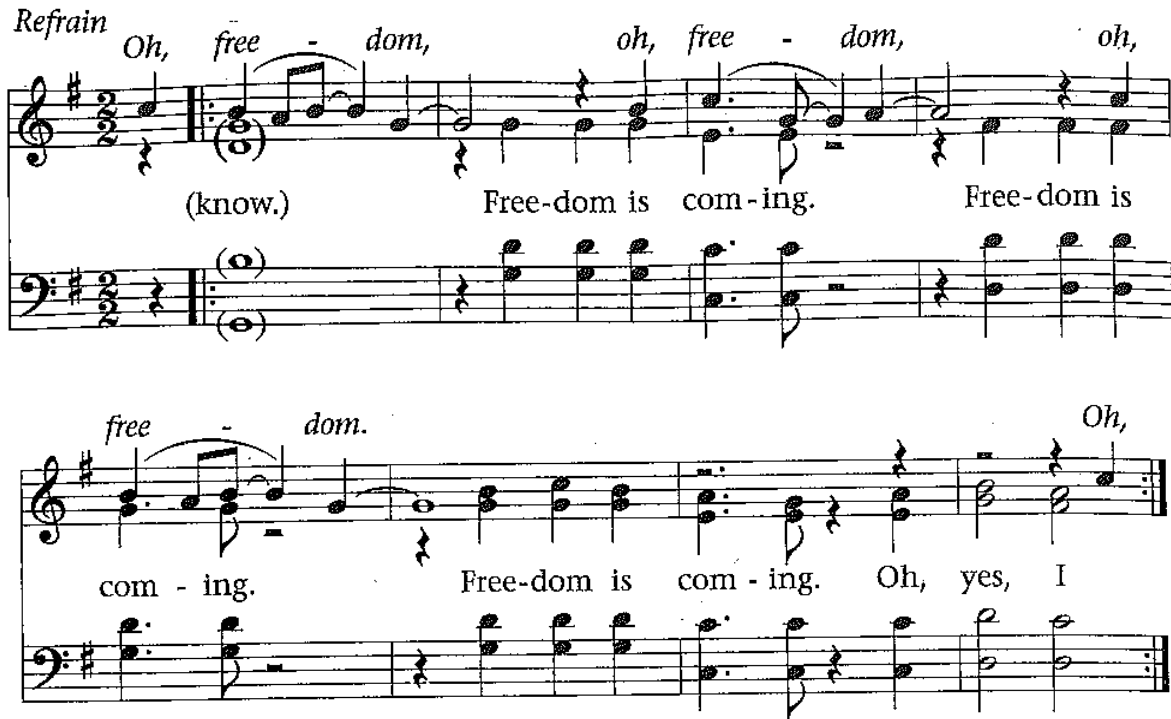
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed 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

Refrain Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,



(know.) Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is

free dom. Oh,

com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I

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 their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

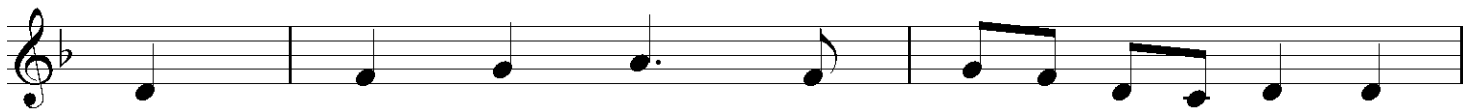
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn

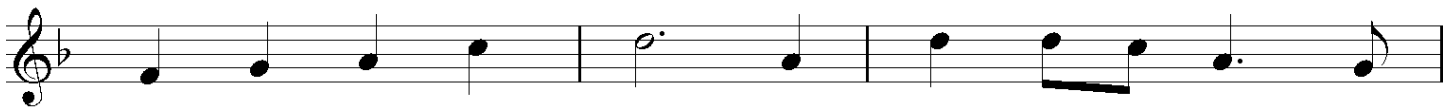
"Forgive Our Sins"

DETROIT

Verses 1 & 3



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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 Music: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Matthew 18:21-35

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 Sermon

The Rev. Ann Dieterle

The Nicene Creed

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 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

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation: for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies: for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, and for those who lead us, we pray especially for Donald, our President; Ron, our Governor; Rick, our Mayor; and all those in civic authority, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those in our own city and neighborhood who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit's end, and for those who are sick, we pray especially for Mark, Winifred, Maggie, Jon, Vaughn, Marshall, Doris, Gayle, Esther, Rose, Robert, Jessica, Faye, Lindsey, Shirley, Taylor, John, Lynn, Mary, Michael, Charlotte, Emelia, Zachary, Laura, Lynn, Jack, Amira, Philip, Kudzai, Audrey, and Pippa, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For the churches of the world, let us pray: for healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the gospel, for our mutual enrichment, and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit, especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Ryan and Ann, our Priests; Martha our Deacon; Sonia, our Canterbury Chaplain; and Diana our Seminarian, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those who are to die this week, and for their safe passage to the life of the world to come, we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, (today we especially pray for Cathy Gibson, Susan Gibson's sister, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who injure, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially for Betsy Alonzo, Jennifer Trivoli, Kyle Brady, Darby Jung, Grace Smith, Caroline Whitley, Chris Ewing, and Joan Barns, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those who are sick with COVID-19, for their friends and family especially those who are unable to be with them, for first responders, nurses, doctors, and all medical personnel, and that this pandemic may be lifted from us, let us pray to the Lord: **We beseech you, O Lord.**

Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept.

All **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.**

The Offertory Music “Rondo, Allegro” from “String Trio #1 in Eb” John Antes, arr., Smith Gayle Fisher, flute, Joshua McNiven, Euphonium, Olivia Smith, violin

The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

We go out into the world as our time of worship ends, our time of service begins.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Community Announcements

ST. THOMAS' SERVICES AND EVENTS

Thursday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m., service in the Sanctuary. This service is limited to 15 people and you will have to pre-register the day before on our website, <http://www.stthomasstpete.org> and wear a mask.

Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m., service in the Sanctuary. This service is limited to 80 people and same protocol as above.

All events are cancelled at this time. All meetings are live streamed or on Zoom.

FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES DURING CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION

Morning Prayer - M-F, 9 am

Evening Prayer - M, T, F, 5:30 pm

Compline - W, 8 pm

Ante-Communion, Rite II - Sunday, 9 am

Services will be uploaded to the homepage of our website at the conclusion of the live stream.

ZOOM SUNDAY COFFEE HALF-HOUR

Please join us following virtual worship today for a ZOOM Coffee Half-Hour.

Topic: Virtual Coffee Half-Hour

10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83606917016?pwd=TWlkdHcwMjR1dStGaDYyN09DeENrUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 0691 7016, Password: 466956

CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesday beginning September 8th at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom (information forthcoming)

Led by Tricia Schachtel & Rev. Ann

Join Zoom Centering Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81137822824?pwd=eUwxMXBUSmtKNkNzMGYxdXmRTQT09>

Meeting ID: 81137822824, Password: 088344

Whether you are more experienced at Centering Prayer or brand new to it, you have a place in the circle. If you have questions, please email Tricia at triciaschachtel@gmail.com or Rev. Ann at revann@stthomasstpete.org

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Continues on ZOOM, Wednesdays at 8 a.m.
Chapters 51-54

<https://ccel.org/ccel/schaff/anf01/anf01.ii.ii.i.html>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97348285267?pwd=b3FDL0ZTS2VWcWVKOFd6MCsxcTFHdz09>

Meeting ID: 973 4828 5267, Password: 075905

SUPPER, SONG & PRAYER

Wednesday activities are cancelled until further notice.

ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Adult Formation Class will resume on September 9th, on Zoom at 7 p.m.
Books available through your favorite local bookseller, or online at Amazon or [Forward Movement](#).

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81399868448?pwd=Y2VtZ2lhVFZpMnZWUjFrRUltN2JMUToo>

Meeting ID: 813 9986 8448, Passcode: 859433

WOW, WOMEN OF THE WORD

Join the Women of the Word on Zoom

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, we begin the Holy Envy section on Christianity. Barbara Brown Taylor presents it as looking at our faith from the outside while "realizing other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as" our own. We will continue with chapters 8-12.

All women and guests are welcome.

Any questions, ID and password information - call Julie Songster 727-822-6868.

PUB HAPPY HOUR

Social Distancing Virtual Happy Hour

This will be a standing weekly event on Thursdays from 6 - 7:15 pm.

Join us by connecting through Zoom at:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96920315905?pwd=U0ZDZXIINzJoWnNpmT3BSeEpiSEx2ZQOT09>

Meeting ID: 969 2031 5905, Password: 06182020

If you need a Zoom tutorial, Rev. Ann is happy to practice with you.
She can try and walk you through getting connected with audio and video.
Call or email her at Revann@stthomasstpete.org or 336-981-4445.



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The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today ...

Cantors: Mike Davis, Gayle Fisher, Carole Igney, Rick Smith

Lectors: Mark Howerton, Charles Lee

Musician: Gayle Fisher, Joshua McNiven, Olivia Smith

Prayers of the People: Jaime Elstun

Video Craft: Rev. Sonia Sullivan Clifton

The Rev. Ann Dieterle, *Assistant Rector*
The Rev. Martha Goodwill, *Deacon*
The Rev. Sonia Sullivan Clifton,
Canterbury Chaplain
Rick Smith, *Director of Music*
Joe Master, *Organist and Director of Finance*
Courtney Crosby, *Youth Ministries*
Pam Holley, *Parish Administrator*
Jon Ward, *Sexton*

Vestry Members

Class of 2018-2020

George Burkhart, Jack Day, Anne Elstun

Class of 2019-2021

Dick Nelson, *Sr. Warden*,

Valery Hendry, Dee McMahon, *Jr. Warden*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Spoken Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:00 A.M.

Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 A.M.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday, Rite II - Chapel, 9:00 A.M.

OUR MISSION

Making a difference for others, because God is making a difference for us.