

Service for Sunday 13 September 2020 (Proper 19, Year A: 14th after Trinity)

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Welcome and Introduction

Hymn Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Collect

Praise

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people;
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech you, give us that due sense of all your mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we shew forth your praise, not only with our lips,
but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness
all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, world without end.**

Amen.

Confession

We say verses from Psalm 103: please say the parts in yellow type with me.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
He will not always accuse, **nor will he keep his anger forever.**
He does not deal with us according to our sins, **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
as far as the east is from the west, **so far he removes our transgressions from us.**
As a father has compassion for his children, **so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

Lord, we confess that we sin against you and against one another. Be merciful and gracious to us, and remove our transgressions from us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Hymn How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Reading 1 - Romans 14.1-12

- (1) Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.
- (2) Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.
- (7) We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
- (8) 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.
- (9) For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
- (10) 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.
- (11) For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."
- (12) So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reading 2 - Matthew 18.21-35

- (21) 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?"
- (22) Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
- (23) "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.
- (24) When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
- (25) 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.
- (26) So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
- (27) And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.
- (28) 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.'

(29) Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

(30) But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

(31) 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.

(32) Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.'

(33) Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

(34) And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

(35) So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Hymn Do not be afraid

Sermon

Declaration of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Hymn Make me a channel of your peace

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn Go forth and tell

Ending

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.