



St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 September 13, 2020 + 10:30 am

DAILY MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*Window: Pentecost*

Prelude "O Worship the King"

Roger Redden, *trumpet*

arr. Timothy Johnson

Welcome

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

Hymn 400 (vss. 1, 4, 5 & 7) All creatures of our God and King

*Lasst uns erfreuen*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 4 way, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O\_\_ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 7 ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

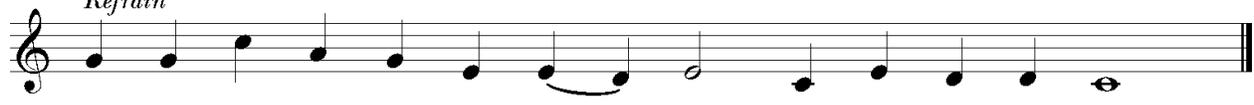
- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like 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.

#### A Reading from 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.

*Refrain*



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## **Gospel** Matthew 18:21-35

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."

## **The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright

## **The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 96

I believe in God, 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.

## **Thanksgiving and Dedication of the Renewal Fund**

### **The Offering**

St. Thomas welcomes your gifts to the General Budget and, on this 2nd Sunday of the month, to Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM) to provide direct financial assistance to those in need in our community

You may mail a check to 2100 Hilton Avenue, Columbus, GA 39106,  
donate online at our website (<https://www.stthomascolumnbus.org/give/>),  
or use your mobile device by texting **STTCOLUMBUS** to **73256**

Solo

Debbie Anderson, *soprano*

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy! Hear thou my cry, behold, Lord my distress!  
Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity shew in my deep anguish! Let  
not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O  
regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and  
remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my  
soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my  
cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy! Come and save me O Lord, Save, in the day of retribution, from  
Death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

## The Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

### Suffrages A

BCP 97

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### The Collect of the Day

BCP 233

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.*

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

### The General Thanksgiving *together*

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves 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 honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Postlude** The Bishop's Promenade

Norman Coke-Jephcott

## Music Notes

Our musicians this morning include Roger Redden, who played trumpet from home. Roger teaches music at our partner school, Brewer Elementary. Debbie Anderson, a member of our choir, is also the Musical Director of the Springer Theatre and Temple Israel.

## In our prayers

**St. Thomas parishioners:** Ralph Wimberly, Sam Olive-Allison, the family of Jack Blalock, Freeman McCluskey, the Farrow family, Lauren & LT Taylor, Travis Williams, Bill Pauli, Pam Feagle, Henry Morrill, Maeve Morrill, Norma & Lowell Jergens, Joe Mills, Jack Tice, Gerald Boyd, Esther Thomas, Darius Slusher

**Homebound members:** Marianne Baxter, Carolyn Billings, Murray Craig, Charlotte DuPriest, Judy Harding, Harvey Hisaw, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas.

**Those working in healthcare:** Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Thomas (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Lizzie Venable-Lyashevskiy, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), LeighEllen Johnson (*Meg Olive-Allison*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Doug Venable (*Lisa Herring*)

**Friends of the parish:** Denise & Caiden (*Marquette McKnight*), Gloria Wentland (*Marquette McKnight*), Mark Magoni (*Marquette McKnight*), Venus McWilliams (*Marquette McKnight*), Donna Gafford, Shannon Warr (*Pam Feagle*), Mary Hubert (*Erin Redden*), James Mills (*Joe Mills*), Molly Lane (*Cindy Godwin*)

**Those with continuing concerns:** Mandy Ochoa, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Chuck Bentfeld, Carlene Pawlowicz, Sandra Wood, Gene Wells, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*),

Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

**Those celebrating birthdays:** Angie Braid 9/13, Jessalyn Wright 9/13, PJ Wright 9/14, TaKira Williams 9/14, King Paquette 9/14, Martin McCann 9/15, Donna Sharp 9/16, Ena Hunt 9/17, Bruce Wrenn 9/17, Patti Landreau 9/17, Bennett Stoltz 9/17, Zora Garcia 9/17. Elyse Dahlgren 9/18, Linda Harmon 9/19, Barbara Brandenburgh 9/19, Mandy Ochoa 9/19, Molly Wright 9/19, Freeman McCluskey 9/19, Lovick Sudayi 9/19

**Those celebrating anniversaries:** Jon & Jessica Ezzell 9/16, Skip & Dawn Farrow 9/16, Kenny & Mickie Hall 9/16

**Those who have died:** Roger Free 12/13/19, Julie Barbaree 12/23/19, Frank Eslinger 1/9/20, Marge Henly 5/28/20, Connie McEwen 8/21/20, Jack Blalock 8/31/20

### Announcements

**CVEM Offering:** On the 2nd Sunday of the month we receive a special offering for CVEM. They are helping many neighbors with rent, utilities, and other needs in this time. To give, go to [cvemjubilee.org](http://cvemjubilee.org) or give on the St. Thomas website or app.

**Pet Procession:** On October 4, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, send a picture of you with your pet or another animal. Pictures will be in our hymn procession online at 10:30. Send to [office@stthomasolumbus.org](mailto:office@stthomasolumbus.org) or share on Facebook. Deadline to submit is September 29.