



**St. John's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLD SPRING HARBOR

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 13, 2020

### **MORNING PRAYER RITE 2**

**Prelude (at 8 am)** *Aria from Goldberg Variations, BWV 998*

J. S. Bach

**Prelude (10 am)** *Preludes on "Lobe den Herren"*

J. G. Walther, J. S. Bach

#### **Opening Sentences**

*Priest* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*(Philippians 1:2)*

#### **The Invitatory**

*Priest* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Priest and People together*

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

*Priest* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God: O come, let us adore him.

#### **Venite: Psalm 95:1-7**

W. H. Walter

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

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

## The Lessons

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**The Cantic: The Song of Moses** (Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**A Reading from The Gospel according to 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 word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**The Sermon**

Gideon L. K. Pollach

**The Offertory (at online service):** *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*

*Lauda anima*

Sung by St. John's Virtual Congregational Choir

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Priest* In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, let us affirm our faith and say:

*Priest and People together, all standing*

*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.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer** (*Priest and People together*)

*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 Suffrages A**

*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**

*Priest* 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 Blessing of the Devices**

Lord, bless these devices and the children and youth who use them for learning this year. Give them peace when they feel nervous, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel your loving care in all they do. *Amen.*

## The Prayers and Additional Collects

*Priest* Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I ask your prayers for all those who are sick and all those commended to our prayer: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation; particularly, those serving our nation overseas, our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes, Haiti; those who are adversely affected by the Coronavirus and its response; and for those who are ill:

Shirley Baker, Eileen Bellini, Elisa Deane, Luke Demarest, Arthur Duel,  
Lou Prentice Erskine, Nancy Fowler, Angelina Rose Freda, Barbara Gallagher,  
Bob Genzale, Vanessa Gullo, Evelyn Hiller, George (Chip) Hemstead, Edith Hoffman,  
Richard Hsia, Ruth Knutson, Marie Lee, Bettina Levy, Andrew Lynch, Una McHugh,  
Alan Moore, Peter Morris, Alex Patterson, Peter Pawelko, Joan Penrose-Borum,  
Robert Reimels, Alexandra and baby Sophie Salomon, Jack Santaniello, Katherine Simon,  
David Sison, Joan Small, Helen Colgate Smith, Leslie Travaglia, Carole Walker,  
Eric Weaver; and any others named now aloud or in our hearts.

*A period of silence follows for your prayers*

*Priest* In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Priest* I ask your prayers for all those who have died, remembering especially Maria Hu and all those who died in and as a result of the September 11th attacks, and Robert Swiggett who will be buried from St. John's this week.

May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. *Amen*

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving and for all the blessings of our lives.

*A period of silence follows for your prayers of thanksgiving*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Priest and People together*

*We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Priest* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Closing Sentences**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Announcements**

*Priest* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen*

**Hymn 379:** *God is Love, let heaven adore him*

*Abbot's Leigh*

**Postlude (8 am)** *Prelude in G Major, BWV 541*

J. S. Bach

**Postlude (10 am)** *Toccatina in D minor (BWV 538)*

J. S. Bach

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

## **Service Participants**

8 am Service:

Presiding: Gideon L. K. Pollach

Lector: Jerry Reminick

Ushers: Scott Evans, Billy Wresch

Organist: Jun Kim

10 am Service:

Presiding: Gideon L. K. Pollach

Lectors: Stephen White, Seamus Mitchell, Gina Jacobsen

Vocal Soloist: Bryce Westervelt

Organist: Carol Weitner

