

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020  
Holy Eucharist – Rite II  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



## Welcome!

*We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Everything you need to follow along with the service is contained in this bulletin. Those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along. Those attending in person are asked not to sing but to join in by reflecting on the texts. For a complete list of safety protocols for worship, please see the back of this bulletin.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Lucy Fortune Bolt and Matthew Bonner Jones, and in loving memory of the bride's father, Thomas Kent Bolt.*

**Voluntary** Andantino

Joseph Barnby

*Please stand – those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing*

**Hymn in Procession** – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*Lobe den Herren*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him!  
Let the "Amen" sum all our praises again now as we worship before him.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria** *those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing* *musical setting:* Robert Powell

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.

## 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.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson** – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** – 103:8-13 *sung by the choir*

chant: Richard Farrant

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**Second Lesson** – 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 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand – those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing*

**Sequence Hymn – Forgive our sins as we forgive (Detroit)**

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

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**Holy Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35**

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*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.”

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon – The Rev. Tom Murray**

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed** *said by all*

**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 worshipped 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.**

## Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and ever living God, whose steadfast love is with us in times of trouble; Guide this nation and its people during this time of uncertainty and fear; give wisdom and mercy to our leaders as they seek to protect the health and welfare of your people; strengthen our resolve to love and serve one another and keep this nation under your care. **Amen.**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution *please kneel or stand*

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

*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.**

*Clergy* 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 *please pass the Peace with your neighbors by nodding and waving only*

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

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

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem** – The eyes of all

Jean Berger

*The eyes of all wait upon thee wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.*

– Text: Psalm 145:15-16

**Offertory Hymn** – The Doxology *those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing*

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.

*Please stand*

**Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer A

*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... 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:

**Sanctus** *those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing* *musical setting: Richard Proulx*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*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.”

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* 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 for ever. *All say: AMEN.*

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

*All* **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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem** *those watching remotely are encouraged to sing along; those attending in person please do not sing* musical setting: David Hurd  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. 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.

### **The Communion of the People**

*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. Please remain in your pew as the clergy bring the elements to you. You may stand or kneel to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten/wine free wafers are available upon request; simply ask the clergy. If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a no-contact blessing. After receiving, simply be seated and prayerfully reflect on the music as the clergy finish the distribution of the elements.*

**Communion Anthem** – Lord for thy tender mercy’s sake

Richard Farant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.* – Text: Lidley’s Prayers, 1566

*Please stand*

### **Prayer for Mission**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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**Hymn in Procession** – All things bright and beautiful (*Royal Oak*)

*Refrain:* All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. *Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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### **Dismissal**

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated and listen to the voluntary until your row is dismissed by the ushers after the clergy leave.*

**Voluntary** Tuba Tune

C. S. Lang

### **Music Notes**

The themes of mercy and forgiveness from today’s psalm and the readings from Genesis and Matthew are central to the sequence hymn, “Forgive our sins as we forgive”, as well as the communion anthem “Lord, for thy tender mercy’s sake” and the opening hymn, “Praise to the Lord”. The joyfulness in praising God expressed at the end of today’s reading from Romans, when it says, “every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God” is central to “Praise to the Lord”, “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”, and “All things bright and beautiful”. Finally, the offertory anthem, “The eyes of all”, reflects the idea of the Lord providing for all from today’s reading from Genesis.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

Sunday, September 13 – 10 a.m. – Christianity Today – Youth Center and via Zoom

Sunday, September 13 – 10 a.m. – Lion's Forum – Leatherbury Hall

Sunday, September 13 – 4 p.m. – Middle School EYC in-person on the Youth Center Deck

Sunday, September 13 – 6 p.m. – High School EYC in-person on the Youth Center Deck

Wednesday, September 16 – 7 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist – Church

Friday, September 18 – 7:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study via Zoom

**New Lion's Forum Starts Today**

This clergy-led class will explore N.T. Wright's book, *God and the Pandemic*, and also delve into relevant scriptural resources. Participants will discover a different way of seeing and responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, an approach drawing on Scripture, Christian history, and the way of living, thinking, and praying revealed to us by Jesus.

**New Offering for Fall – Musical Mondays**

Join us for Musical Mondays! These will be 20-minute musical programs featuring various musicians as they offer fun and inspiring music that you can enjoy from home as we all continue to deal with social distancing because of Covid-19. A link to each new video will be emailed out every Monday morning at 9 a.m. starting on September 14, but all videos will be available any time after they first broadcast if you prefer to watch a different day/time. Our first Musical Monday will feature James Holyer playing St. Mark's lovely chapel organ.

**Church Office Hours**

The church offices are be open to parishioners, with protocols in place for face masks, physical distancing and sanitizing. Access will be through the main church administrative office front door. Please call the church office at 388-2681 if you have questions.

**A note from your clergy**

If you need a receptive ear or comforting voice in this challenging environment, St. Mark's clergy are available to speak, listen and pray with you by phone. Please email any of our clergy to schedule a time to talk.

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

(Week of September 13 – September 19)

Sarah Blasi, Bowen Brent, Rich Brooke, Klare Bryan, Dick Cassidy, Eric Cavin, Jan Dawson, Sarah Dunn, Hope Eller, Joe Ferranti, Caroline Frazier, Anne Gibbs, Beth Gordon, Heather Houston, Carolyn Key, Andy Kidd, Jerry Knauer, Eric Livingston, Randall Mann, Bob McAfee, Grace McNulty, Millie Myers, Chris Oakley, Margaret Pirrung, Debora Roberson, Frank Scheu, Anne Bayley Shoemaker, Leesie Snell, Christopher Stephens, Jackie Walker and Harry Wilson

*If you are celebrating your birthday this week and your name is not listed or if you do not want your birthday to be mentioned, please contact the church office.*

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you or a family member are in the hospital or need prayer, please contact the Rev. Cn. Nancy Suellau at 388-2681 or [nsuellau@stmarksjacksonville.org](mailto:nsuellau@stmarksjacksonville.org). St. Mark's has a public prayer list, read aloud on Sundays and a confidential prayer list, shared only with clergy and the intercessory prayer team. To add a name to one of these prayer lists, contact Rev. Suellau.

**Church Office and The Red Lion Gift Shop Hours**

*Office: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon–Thurs; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fri Gift Shop: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mon–Fri; 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sun*

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### Parish News – September 13, 2020

#### INSTRUCTIONS for SAFETY DURING WORSHIP

Please note the following guidelines below that are in place to safeguard the health and well-being of our fellow parishioners. Note that any public location where people are present provides an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19. While protocols are in place to sanitize all surfaces and follow safety guidelines, there is a risk that you may be exposed during your visit.

- Everyone's temperature will be checked on the way in and must be below 100.4 degrees.
- Please wear face masks or face-coverings throughout the service. Face masks should cover your mouth and nose at all times, except when consuming the communion wafer.
- Observe 6 feet distancing guidelines and avoid physical contact with folks outside of your immediate family.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in the Narthex.
- Although we will have music and limited choir participation, the congregation should not sing due to the risk of virus droplet transmission.
- Children's bulletins are available online and in the narthex; the nursery and children's chapel will not be available at this time.
- Offertory plates will brought to each row by the ushers with no contact; simply place your offering in the plate. However, if you prefer you can also give by mailing in your offering, through our website online or via text.
- The church will be sanitized and cleaned, according to CDC guidelines, after each service.
- Please pass the Peace with your neighbors by nodding and waving only; do not shake hands.
- We will livestream our services online each week. These online broadcasts accommodate our parishioners, especially those in the at-risk category. The 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services will be available via Facebook, YouTube and our website and may be viewed online after the initial broadcast time. Depending on where you are seated in the sanctuary, please be aware you may be visible on screen.
- After the service concludes with the procession, ushers will guide each row to the proper exit, beginning at the back of the church.