

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2020  
Christ Church of Exeter  
10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

*Officiant:* The Rev. Mark Pendleton  
*Lector:* John Gilbert  
*Preacher:* The Rev. Mark Pendleton  
*Assigned to read the part of the People:* Mike Hyer  
*Cantor and Tech Assistant:* Maggie O'Neill  
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*Organist:* Bruce Adami

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**A NOTE ON HYMNS & COPYRIGHT**

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**Choir of the week:** Tenebrae

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTrMIJKBwRU>

*Ubi Caritas* by Paul Mealor

You can find out more about Paul Mealor's work here:

<https://www.paulmealor.com/a-tender-light/>

**Service of Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

Prelude: Pr  ambule      Louis Vierne

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

Welcome

A Prayer for those Beginning the Academic Year

Gracious and loving God, fill us with courage and hope for this school year.  
It will look different and feel different, yet we trust that you are with us always.  
Prepare hearts for new experiences.  
Open our eyes to joy and wonder in surprising places. Help us to stay focused on learning.

Give us an extra measure of patience and understanding - for ourselves and for others.  
Show us your mercy when we get frustrated.  
Fill our spirit with the desire to be good friends. Remind us of the special talents you have given to each of us. Inspire us to be creative.  
Help us to be brave and kind.  
Hold us in any uncertainty or fear.  
Draw us closer to one another and to you.

We give you thanks for the chance to learn, grow, and live into the loving and remarkable people you have created us to be.

We also pray for our teachers, administrators and staff and their families as they try their best to continue their work of teaching, tending, and supporting.

Hold us all in your hand as we find our way in this new time. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer Page 78*

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

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Psalm 43:3

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." Isaiah 57:15

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*or this*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

### **(Spotlight on People )**

**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.**

*The Priest alone says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter Page 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

### **(Spotlight on People )**

**People** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

### **(Spotlight on Mark )**

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**(Spotlight on People)**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*The Collect of the Day*

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.*

*One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm*

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**(Spotlight on People )**

*A Song of Pilgrimage (Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b- 22)*

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**Before I ventured forth,  
even while I was very young, \*  
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.  
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, \*  
and I will seek her to the end.  
From first blossom to early fruit, \*  
she has been the delight of my heart.  
My foot has kept firmly to the true path, \*  
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.  
I inclined my ear a little and received her; \*  
I found for myself much wisdom and became  
adept in her.**

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**(Spotlight on Sally)**

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.**

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

***People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

The Lessons

**(Spotlight on Reader )**

Reader: This morning's first reading comes from 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.

*The Reader may say* Here ends the Lesson.

**(Mark to announce hymn)**

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**(Spotlight on David)**

GOSPELLER: This morning's Gospel comes from 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 Reader may say* Here ends the Lesson.

**Homily (Spotlight on Mark)**

**(Then after homily, Mark will introduce Apostles Creed -- then Spotlight on People)**

**The Apostles' Creed** Pg. 96  
*Officiant and People together*

**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.

### **(Spotlight on Sally)**

**Prayers of the People** (*adapted for use in Morning Prayer*) Led by Sally.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. *Silence*

In thanksgiving for the arms of forgiveness that embrace us in the midst of our sin, leading us to repentance, and filling us with mercy through which we will forgive others; *Silence*

For honesty in government, and integrity in our dealings with one another, that trust may be restored between people and throughout the institutions of our society; *Silence*

That we may commit ourselves to a life of simplicity, so that we may provide for the needs of the poor and hungry, as Jesus provided nourishment and hope to his followers; *Silence*

That we may share our spiritual doubts with one another, convinced that we will be strengthened in faith and grow in the conviction that God's love can forgive all things and transforms all life; *Silence*

That the dead may be redeemed from the grave, and wear the crown of eternal life; *Silence*

Let us remember all those impacted by the raging wildfires on the West Coast.

### **(Spotlight on Mark)**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow through the Chat function*

Nick, Nesta and Dean, Maureen and Lee, Dennis, Steve, Karen Foote, Donna Lee, Melanie, Trina, Lionel, Judy, Carol, Deb, Tom, Kristi, Tom

*Silence — Add your prayers, aloud or in your hearts*



*Officiant* Let us pray our Lord's Prayer

**(Spotlight on People)**

*People*

**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 Offertory and Announcements (Highlights from Enews)*

But do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
*Hebrews 13:15,16*

We invite your continued donations and pledges by mail or online. Thank you!

Musical Offertory                      H 516 Come down o love divine

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

**(Spotlight on People)**

*The General Thanksgiving                      page 101*

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Or*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom                      page 102*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two**

**or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**(Mark to announce hymn)**

Hymn 411 O Bless the Lord, my soul!

*Then may be said*

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

**Blessing**

Let us bless the Lord.

**(Spotlight on People)**

***Thanks be to God.***

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude: Carillon          Louis Vierne

**Mark to share copyright info**

**No breakout groups today: come to the parade**