

St. John's Episcopal Church

**The Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

September 21, 2014



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A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 20: Sunday closest to September 21—Year A

The theme of today's liturgy is set by the Gospel reading. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard is one of Jesus' most important statements concerning God's call to all people. That call is always open regardless of our past level of commitment. Those who accept it late are rewarded equally with those of long standing in the Kingdom. It is also a warning to those who have been committed to God for many years, lest they think themselves superior to those newly responding to the call of God.

We continue the story of the Exodus. The Israelites are free, but now the people complain of hunger and wish to be back in Egypt. But God acts and provides them with food in the desert as a sign of his love, even when they are ungrateful.

Today we begin reading Paul's letter to Philippi. Written to encourage that church, the letter comes from a period when Paul was imprisoned and his own life was in danger.

God's promise to us is not a reward for doing things right. It is our heritage as children and heirs of God's promise. When we gather to sing and tell the story of God's salvation, we discover anew our identity and the identity of all people. Not content to have us merely as creatures, God has made us sons and daughters who feast at the table of God's home, which is our home as well.

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Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 20

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

All who hunger gather gladly

WLP 761

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following is sung, all standing

Opening Anthem

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- 1 Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
- 2 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
- 4 you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us;
- 5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
 receive our prayer.

- 6 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
7 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 105:1-6,37-45

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Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

All stand.

God, my King, thy might confessing

Hymnal 414

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca Myers

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray in particular for Thelma, Erin, Les, Juanita, Jerry and Barbara, Cody, Jane, Calvin, Bill, Raymond and Elaine, Mary, Elaine, Jack , Linda, Craig, Thalia, Fred, Dorothy, Avery, Debbie, Nellie, Michael, Jim, Rob, Kathy, Mason, Dania, Doug, Katie and Daniel, June, Daphne, Bishop Doug and Kaye, Donna, Rob, Paula, Wayne, Fay. We pray for Michelle, who has passed from this life into life everlasting. Please add your own prayers of intercession.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ken Weedman. In accordance with the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Lexington, the Rev. Dr. Carol Ruthven, Rector and the Rev. Deacon Mary Kilbourn Huey. We also pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Silvestre. Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

The Celebrant continues

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

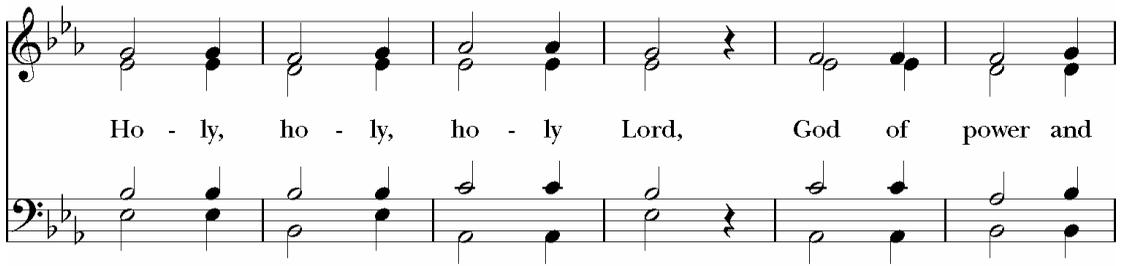
Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Offertory Hymn

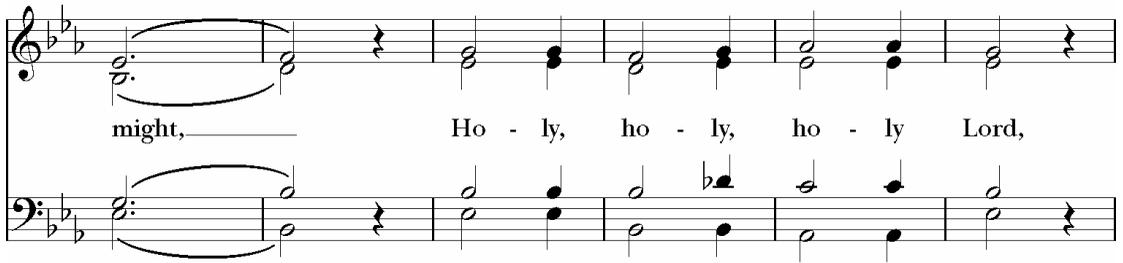
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

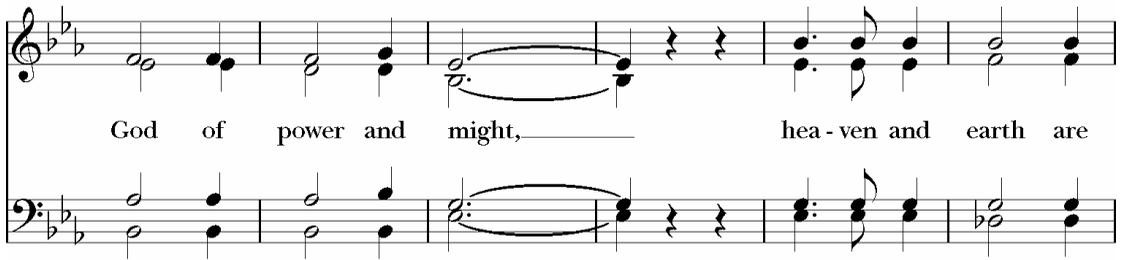
Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.



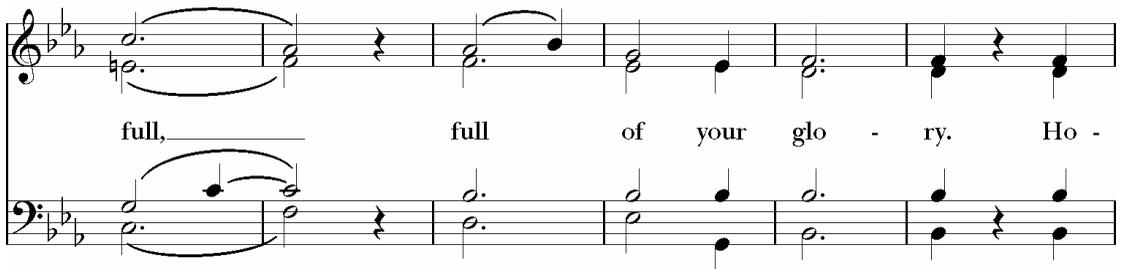
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



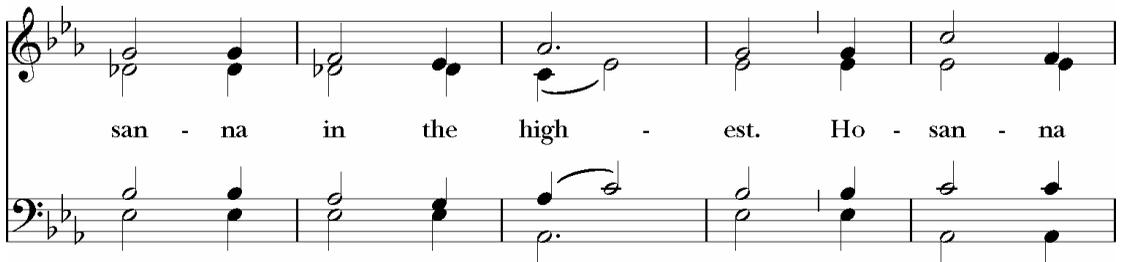
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Hymnal 336

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.* (source: Celtic)

Postcommunion Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

News & Notes

Rebecca's Schedule: Rebecca will be at St. Agnes' House Tuesday through Friday this week. Her Sabbath Day will be Monday, September 22. You can get a message to her by calling the church office at 606-528-1659 or priest-in-charge@stjohnscorbin.org.

A computer has been donated! We have received the generous gift of a new office computer. Thank you!

Adult Forum: The Adult Forum is reviewing and discussing the *39 Articles of Faith*, pages 867-876 in the *Book of Common Prayer* through September 28.

Sunday School - Godly Play: The Godly Play program is for children is offered each Sunday morning at 10:00 am . All children are invited to participate in this special form of spiritual development.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation classes are being held every Wednesday through October 1 from 6:30-8pm. All are invited. This week's session will be structure of the Episcopal Church.

Godly Play Teachers needed. Godly Play teachers are needed. Training is provided. This is a wonderful program of spiritual development for children and we'd like to keep it going in the parish. Please let Rebecca know if you are willing to be trained and serve as a teacher for a period of approximately 1 month.

Pot Luck Sunday: Next Sunday, September 28. is our monthly pot luck. Bring a dish or drink to share. And all are welcome! Plan to fellowship with each other. Our pot luck schedule shifts in October and November. Pot Luck will be October 19, when the Bishop visits; and November 16, when we have our Annual Meeting.

The **ECW Annual meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 10:30am through lunch, Trinity, Covington. There will be a recognition of Honored Women. To attend, please contact Lisa Edwards, ledwards102@gmail.com, 859-341-7324.

Bring your pets to church to be blessed on Sunday, October 5. We will have a service outdoors in our park (or in the amphitheater). Pets should be leashed and/or in carriers.

Belk Charity Sales Day: The annual Belk Charity Sales day will be **Saturday, November 8, 6-10am**. Members of St. John's are selling tickets for \$5.00 for this special event. The church keeps the \$5.00 and for each ticket you receive \$5.00 off an item. We will also sell tickets on Thursday, October 2, 10am - 2pm. If you can help, please contact June.

We will be having an initial gathering of those interested in the **Brotherhood of St. Andrew** on **October 5** after the Sunday service. To learn more, speak to Bruce Cory. You can also learn more from <http://www.brotherhoodofstandrew.org/about.php>

Furnace Needed: The furnace located in the sacristy, which heats part of the social hall and hallways must be replaced prior to this winter. Cost is \$2,250 for a furnace that will also be more energy efficient. We'll also need to replace two more furnaces over the next two years: one that heats the parish hall and one that heats the rectory. Donations for the furnace can be put in the boxes back on the shelves in the parish hall.

We will celebrate Latino/Latina Heritage Month at our service on September 28. If you'd like to read one of the lessons, please see Rebecca. In preparation, you can practice the Lord's Prayer in Spanish:

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
 santificado sea tu Nombre,
 venga tu reino,
 hágase tu voluntad,
 en la tierra como en el cielo.
 Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
 Perdona nuestras ofensas,
 como también nosotros perdonamos
 a los que nos ofenden.
 No nos dejes caer en tentación
 y líbranos del mal.
 Porque tuyo es el reino,
 tuyo es el poder,
 y tuya es la gloria,
 ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Month 2014 (# Sundays)	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Monthly Budget	Actual Monthly
Total Revenue	\$31,647.33	\$20,909.06	\$3,955.92	\$2,193.00
Total Expense	\$31,647.33	\$30,289.27	\$3,955.92	\$3,249.69
Difference		-\$9,380.21		-\$1,056.69