

# ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"



...how often should  
I forgive?  
"Not **SEVEN** times,  
but, I tell you,  
**SEVENTY-  
SEVEN**  
times."

*Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV*

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2020**  
**5:00 PM AND 10:00 AM**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Prelude “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” arr. Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn – #336 “Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus”



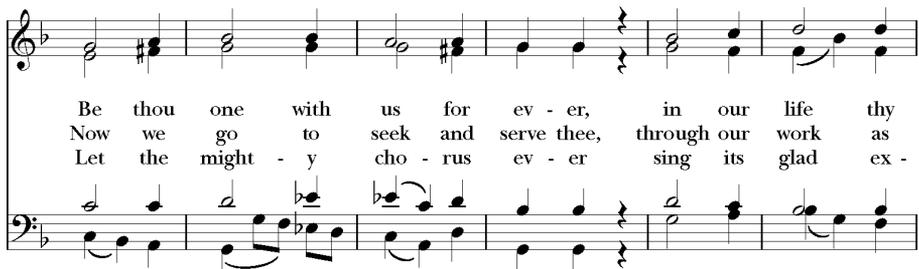
1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -  
\*2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and  
\*3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic



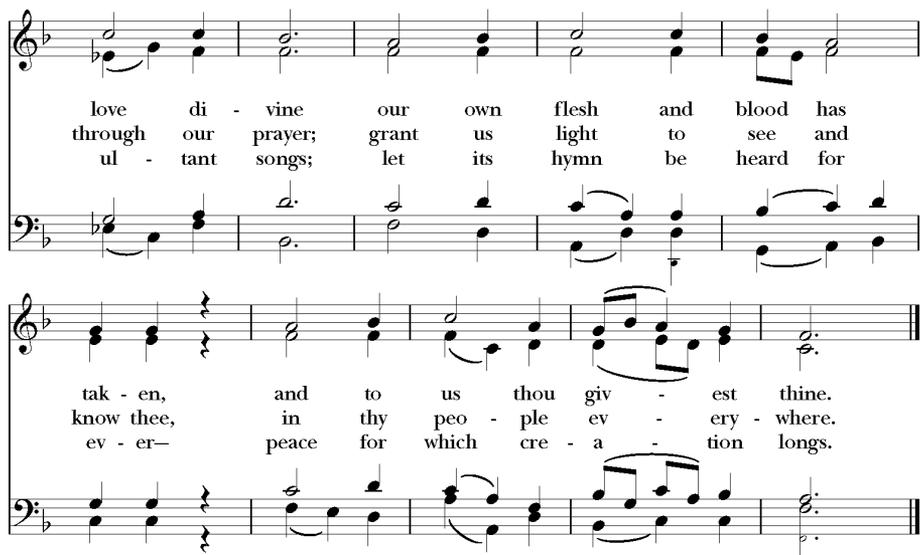
more to be; and though leav - ing now thine  
Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry  
voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy



al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee.  
veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.  
hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - thems raised.



Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy  
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as  
Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -



love di - vine our own flesh and blood has  
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and  
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.  
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.  
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

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 Music: *Werde munter*, Johann Schop (d. 1665?); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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 Gloria

**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.

### The 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.**

### The First Lesson – Exodus 14:19-31

**T**he 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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **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.

### The Second Lesson – Romans 14:1-12

**W**elcome 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.**

## Sequence Hymn - #577 "God Is Love"

*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.

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## The Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

**P**eter 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.”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, Priest-in-Charge

## The Nicene Creed

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 worshiped 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 II, BCP p. 385*

*The Leader says*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Kevin our Bishop; Emmanuel Bishop of Kajo Keji; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those struggling with addiction, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we remember now.

*Silence*

Pray for those who have died.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your prayers for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. John's, Palmerton and the Constitution & Canons Committee. In our worldwide Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. In the Diocese of Kajo-Keji, we pray for the people and clergy of St. Paul Bori Parish. We pray for all those in need.

*Silence*

Pray for all whom we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

I ask your thanksgiving for Hopewell Love, Common Ground Recovery Community, the Good Shepherd Learning Center, and all other gifts from God.

*Silence*

Give thanks for the blessings of this life.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn - #397 "Now Thank We All our God"

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude - “Now Thank We All Our God,” arr. M. Burkhardt

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### ST. GABRIEL’S PARISH PRAYER LIST

**30-Day List:** Kirk Bartholomew; Philip Clair; Susanne Garvey; Sally Heist; John Johnson; Paul Schmidt; John Stetler; Regina White; Carol Young.

**Military and First Responders:** Connor Cooper; Morgan Crummy; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Adrienne Hunt; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Jared Patt; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman; Kenneth Whitelock.

**Long-term Prayer List:** Mary Jane Amoroso; Bernard Amstutz; Joan Andres; Audrey Artus; Telisha Baker; MaryEllen Bailey; Ray & Pat Bailey; George Bartalsky, Jr.; Ekwe Bekombo; Blake; Bobbie; Joel Braverman; Christopher Browne; Sonia Calderone; Carol & Carl Burkhart; Erica Burns; Caroline Coyne; Barbara Cregar; Margaret Crummy; Angie Danner; Danny; Jed Dean; Joe DeMayo & family; Diane & Paul; Sandy Douros; Mark Endy; Eric; Natasha Ewa; Tina Fanjoy; Clem Fiorini; Nancy Flohr; Jim G.; Gail; Tracy Geary; Thomas Gentile; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Mary Gorham; Bob Green & family; Traci Groner; Jeffrey & Ayla Gummel; Matthew Hall; Lynne Hamm; LuAnn Hanley; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Carroll & Lorraine Hine; Lynn Jackson; Jeanne M.; Elaine Kugler; Liz Landes; Linda; Raziel Liriano; Lorraine S.; Charlie Mandrachia; Maureen; John Mazzone; Lorraine McCorkle;

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WE PRAY FOR Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community, Good Shepherd Learning Center.

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for Blaine & Marilyn Ritttenhouse, Miguel & Betty Jo Rivera; Ellen Robinson.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the clergy and people of St. John's, Palmerton and the Constitution & Canons Committee.

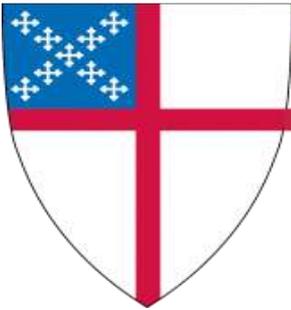
IN OUR ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

IN THE DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul Bori Parish.

(Since we are currently using silk flowers on the altar, there is no flower sponsor.)

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THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is given by the Caldwell family in loving memory and remembrance of Amanda's birthday.



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