

# ST+BARTS

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## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 13, 2020



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### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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We continue to read from the section of Matthew's Gospel, which deals with God's forgiveness and our role in extending God's forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him.

In a parable, Jesus explains that God's forgiveness of us lays on us the obligations to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally.

In Genesis, we have the example of Joseph, who finds it within his person to forgive his brothers, despite the atrocities they perpetrated on him as a boy. He also provides us with an example of the way in which unexpected events can work for good in God's purpose.

In our final reading from Romans, Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other.

We are a community marked by faith and obedience to God's Word. Our life reflects our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints – we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God's love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

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St. Bart's Mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

We are committed to doing this through prayer, worship, proclaiming the Gospel and promoting justice, peace, and love.

*-The Catechism, The Book of Common Prayer p. 855*

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## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD



**PRELUDE** "O rest in the Lord" baritone, Dan Gibbs

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him  
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.  
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him;  
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* BLESSED BE GOD: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* THE LORD be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD



### THE FIRST READING

**Genesis 50:15-21**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.**  
*Reader* Please join me in reciting the Psalm as printed in your bulletin.

### Psalm 103: 8-13

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.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*Gospeller*        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."

*Gospeller*        THE GOSPEL of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Canon Raggs Ragan*



## 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 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

We pray for all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Brian, Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark and Jeff.

We pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We pray for those expecting the birth of a child, we pray for Rachel & Daniel Garcia (November), and for Dan and Hannah Gibbs (December).

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Presider*

The peace of the Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



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### THE 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.**

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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. **AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Presider* THE GIFTS OF GOD for the People of God.

#### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Henri Frederic Amiel*

LIFE IS SHORT and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of ineffable grace beyond our understanding, but who made us and knows us and loves us and walks this path with us, fill you with His grace, surround you with His love, and strengthen you for the journey and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* LET US GO FORTH in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

"Carillon"

*Louis Vierne*

**COFFEE HOUR** following the Service – see [www.stbartsbeaverton.org](http://www.stbartsbeaverton.org) for details.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION** from 11:30 – 12:30. Join us!

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## Weekly Parish Prayer List

### **We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.**

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Brian, Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark and Jeff.  
We pray for the firefighters working to protect us. (Added Sept 13)  
Please pray for recovery for Marty Horeis who had his kidney removed to a tumor. (Added Sept 13)  
Please pray for Janet's niece Kaylene who recently had surgery. (Added Sept 13)  
Pray for Tom's niece Sarah who recently died, and his brother Matt who was injured. (Added Sept 13)  
We pray for Donna Kunkel who is surrounded by family and receiving hospice care. (Added Sept 6)  
We ask your prayers for Alex Denman-Still who may have been exposed to Covid 19. (Added Sept 6)  
We ask your prayers for Janet Ardt for healing in her arm and shoulder. (Added Aug 29)  
We ask your prayers for Jeff McCallum who is making a decision on his cancer diagnosis. (Added Aug 29)  
Pray for recovery for John Herrman who recently had a pacemaker implanted. (Added Aug 16)

### **We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.**

We pray for the repose of Robert Lindstrom. (Added Sept 13)  
We pray for the repose of the soul of Jeff McCullum, a friend of the Papajacks. (Added Sept 6)  
We pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Cazneau's sister-in-law Mandy. (Added Aug 30)

### **We give thanks for St. Bart's and every member of our community.**

We give thanks for our the members of our Vestry who use their time and talents to guide this parish.

We give thanks to Debbie Raber, this year's Stewardship Chair – Debbie is working hard to encourage all St. Bart's folks to help financially support our mission and ministry.

All Will Be Well - Keep the Faith!