

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

TAMPA, FL

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

September 13, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Devotional Song

Jesus in the Morning

LEVAS 76

Intro: 2 measures G C *Traditional*

1. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morn - ing;
2. Love Him, love Him, love Him in the morn - ing;
3. Trust Him . . .
4. Serve Him . . .
5. Je - sus . . .

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praise Him in the noon-time. Praise Him, praise Him,
love Him in the noon-time. Love Him, love Him,

D7 G C G

praise Him when the sun goes down.
love Him when the sun goes down.

Opening Song

Open Our Eyes, Lord

by Bob Cull

Intro: 2 measures D by Bob Cull

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch Him,

and say that we love Him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes, Lord,

we want to see Je - sus.

Repeat several times.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity (*in unison*)

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.

Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in excelsis* (in unison)

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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

Exodus 14:19-31

The 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 (*in unison*)

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 Epistle Reading

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel**Matthew 18:21-35***Deacon* 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ****The Sermon**

The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.***The Nicene Creed (in unison)****BCP, 358**

**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.**

The Prayers of the People *(sung)*

lyrics on screen

*In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions:
in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home,
or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP, 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People (in unison)

**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.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements or other notices may follow here.

The Offertory

The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.
 Gifts may be made on the parish website, sjhoptpa.org, or by texting *sjhop* to 73256,
 or by postal mail to:*

**St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church
 2708 N. Central Ave., Tampa FL 33602**

Offertory Anthem

Go Down, Moses
 Becky Fisher and Steve Clifton

African-American Spiritual

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

words on screen

THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Blessing (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)

Closing Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

LEVAS 228



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of _ the Lord. _____ There are
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and _ be - lieve. _____ You're the
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of _ the Lord. _____
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all _ the way." _____
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. _____

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Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.
 And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in
 praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have
 been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. 3.
 2. There are 3. If you place.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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



Please remember in your prayers:

Fr. Al Chapman
 Bernice Hodgins
 Vernescia Williams
 Lucia Frett
 Ann-Marie Greenlee
 Sandra Thomas and family

Camden Agboglo
 Lydia Williams
 Michelle Mentis
 Denise Andretta
 Anna Valdes
 Deboarh McDonald and family

Betsy Chapman
 Mitch Leggett
 Wayne Kennedy
 Maria & Kiah
 Gina Sanders

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jason Canion (nephew of Sandra Thomas).

Please give thanks for:

Birthdays: Alexis Cherry (9/14), Olatha Leggett (9/16), Arlene Aranha (9/17)

Anniversaries: Victor & Venlyn Ferguson (9/18)

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