



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

September 13, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "Crown him with many crowns", setting by Zack Unke

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, 233

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 Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Musical Interlude "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven", arrangement by Rachel Trelstad Porter

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us pray to the God of love, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation:
for their safety and well-being,
for the relief of their sufferings,
for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst,
and for the overcoming of enmity,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies:
for the people of Russia and China and the Middle East,
for the healing of hatred and the birth of diplomacy,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the churches of the world, let us pray:
for the healing of divisions,
for growth in understanding,
for devotion to the truth of the gospel,
for our mutual enrichment,
and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our homes and families:
for an end to feuds,
for release from the cycle of violence,
for the healing of painful memories,

for forgiveness and peace between those who injure,
for patience in bearing with one another,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer. For: **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregel, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Joanne Bass,** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who begin another year of life: **Mary Roberts (13th); Diane Closs, (17th); Mirilou Jayes (18th); David Hesselberth (20th),** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the willingness to forgive and for the healing of hearts, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our own needs (Silence), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the people of California, Oregon and Washington who are battling wildfires and for those who died amid them, (*Silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nearly 200,000 Americans who have died from Coronavirus, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Paul Bamford and for all who have died in the peace of Christ, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

Life is short and there is little time to make the glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So, let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Voluntary: "Variations on 'Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing'", setting by Nancy Raabe

Notes



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