

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Back to School



September 13, 2020



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

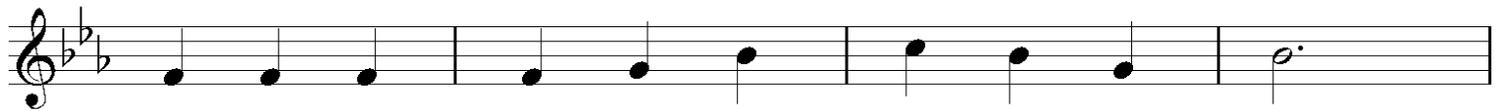
### OPENING HYMN

Be thou my vision

Hymnal 488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*Officiant* 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.**

## PRAYER FOR A RETURN TO SCHOOL

written by the Very Rev. Chris Yaw  
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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who calls us to growth and maturity, bless students, teachers, and parents as they begin a new school year amidst a dangerous pandemic. Grant students a love for learning and a determined focus in their studies. Inspire teachers to be creative, enthusiastic, and caring in their work. And grant parents and all who tend to students the patience to encourage and support loved ones in their learning. And Lord, teach us not just about earthly things, but heavenly things, that we might grow closer to the Source of all knowledge even Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

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 his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

- 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.

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

*Lector* A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*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 that 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.**

**HOMILY**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

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## BLESSINGS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

*Officiant* “And Jesus took the children (and the teachers, school administrators, school staff, bus drivers, janitors, parents, grandparents) in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.” (Mark 10:16) (Kimberly Knowles-Zeller)

Wherever you find yourself this back-to-school season, this prayer is for you.

Holy and compassionate God, bless the school year that is beginning. Encourage and strengthen those to whom you have given the gifts of teaching, as they work and adapt to extraordinary challenges. Inspire and uphold students who seek a deeper knowledge of you and all of your creation, including themselves. Come alongside young adults who chart their way in a strange world. Fortify parents with a constant sense of your presence and of the loving community that surrounds them.

Teach us anew, Lord, to trust in your grace and providence. May we witness again that with you all things are possible.

Teach us anew, Lord, that you created and are still creating us. May we be curious and creative, and love you with all our hearts, minds, and strength.

Teach us anew, Lord, to regard our neighbors as ourselves, and Christ in all who we meet. May we seek and serve you in new and enduring ways.

Teach us anew, Lord, that you love us and will not let us go. May we dwell in your wisdom and rest in you.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2018

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David, our priests; Chip our deacon; and for all who seek and serve you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

*Silence*

*People* God of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of this world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

*Silence*

*People* God of freedom,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. We pray especially for those enduring wildfires in Syria, Greece, and in the West of this country. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that that all may live in safety, beauty, and abundance.

*Silence*

*People* God of justice,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

*Silence*

*People* God of peace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of joy, we pray for and rejoice with Anthony Estes and Brittany England, who were married yesterday, and we celebrate with all those who have birthdays this week, including *David Faust, Kris Howett, Mary Wilbert, Kenzly Staif, Genet Barthwell, Jocelyn Burrell, Christopher Jackson*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* God of joy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Marcus England, Vincent Faust, Dan Fead, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Keils, Philip Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Alisa LeDuc, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shably, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White*, and those we now name. *(Add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* God of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. We pray especially for those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2018

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.  
We have desired to live in freedom,  
    while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
    while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,  
    or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
    while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,  
    even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,  
    now and for ever.**

*Officiant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*Pie Jesu* from *Requiem*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona eis requiem.  
Agnus Dei. Dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Book of Common Prayer*  
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All* **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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING



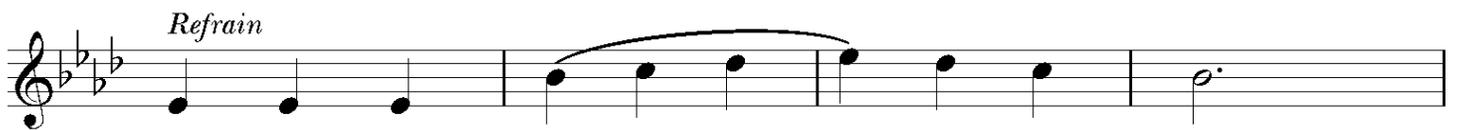
1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the  
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the  
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the  
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
 2 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,  
 3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,  
 4 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,  
 5 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Ath - lete and band,  
 6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!



*Refrain*  
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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