

# MORNING PRAYER

## PENTECOST 15 / PROPER 19

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

#### OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

***R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

***Alleluia***

#### THE VENITE

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

***The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.***

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

***The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.***

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

***The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## THE PSALMS APPOINTED:

### Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

- 1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 ***For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.***
- 3 Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?
- 4 ***Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.***
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 ***Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.***
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 ***Who is this King of glory? \****  
***"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."***
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 ***Who is he, this King of glory? \****  
***"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."***

## Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> ***Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.***
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> ***The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.***
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> ***He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup> ***The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.***
- <sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> ***The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.***
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM GENESIS 50:15-21

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

***He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.***

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

***He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.***

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

***Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.***

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

***To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.***

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

***To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

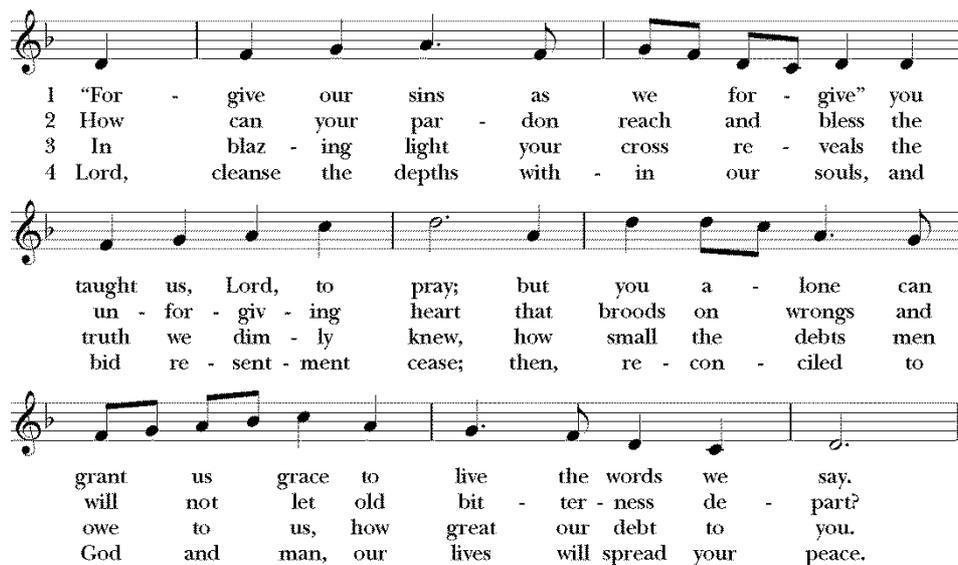
## A READING FROM ROMANS 14:1-12

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## SEQUENCE HYMN #674: "FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.  
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "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 Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### THE SERMON

Robert Fruehwirth

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
*the Father almighty,*  
*creator of heaven and earth.*  
*I believe in Jesus Christ,*  
*his only son, our Lord.*  
*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit*  
*and born of the Virgin Mary.*  
*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,*  
*was crucified, died, and was buried.*  
*He descended to the dead.*  
*On the third day he rose again.*  
*He ascended into heaven,*  
*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*  
*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*  
*I believe in the Holy Spirit,*  
*the holy catholic Church,*  
*the communion of saints,*  
*the forgiveness of sins,*  
*the resurrection of the body,*  
*and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Our Father, *who art in heaven*  
*hallowed by 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*

## COLLECT FOR SUNDAY PROPER 19

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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for churches in our Diocese especially: St. Luke's and St. Michael's, Tarboro and Calvary Church, Wadesboro. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the Eno River Association.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Bob, Andy & Barrie, Joseph, Patrick, Laura, John & Sherri, and Sandra.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

### HYMN #376: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## SUNDAY FORUM

## ZOOM PHOTO SESSIONS

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

#### CALENDAR

#### Sunday Morning Gathering (Worship Zoom)

**9:00** Gathering on Zoom

**9:10** Silence & Music

**9:15** Morning Prayer

**10:15** Children's Programming (Youth Zoom) and Sunday Forum (Worship Zoom)

**11:15** Parish Directory Photo Sessions

**Compline (Worship Zoom):** Every weeknight Monday-Friday, 8:30pm (9/14-9/18)

#### Monday (9/14):

#### Tuesday (9/15):

- **Morning Silence (Worship Zoom);** 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Tuesday Tea (Meeting Zoom);** 4:00pm Time of Fellowship and Sharing. Lisa+ hosting.
- **Newsletter deadline;** 5:00pm
- **Food for All (Fellowship Hall);** 5:30pm Hugh Tilson's Team
- **Vestry (Meeting Zoom);** 7:00pm

#### Wednesday (9/16):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **For Those Who Live Alone (Meeting Zoom);** 5pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir (Meeting Zoom);** 7pm / David Arcus hosting

#### Thursday (9/17):

- **Breakfast Fellowship Group (Meeting Zoom);** 8:30a / Jim Parsley hosting
- **Adult Bible Study;** 7:30pm led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)

#### Friday (9/18):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom);** 8am
- **Awareness Through Movement (Meeting Zoom);** 9:30am, led by Betty Wolfe

#### THE 2020 FALL PARISH DIRECTORY

This month we begin our annual process of updating the parish directory. Have you moved? Dropped your land line? Changed your email address? If any of your contact information has changed in the last year, please send me an email ([welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org](mailto:welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org)) or call the church office (919-732-9308).

If you are new to the parish and want to be included, please send me your name, address, phone numbers, and email address. Thanks for your help!!

Get your picture taken to update the pictorial section of the Directory. There will be a zoom photo session following the Sunday Forum, this Sunday and the next.

--Mary Rocap

### RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE MOVIE DISCUSSION

RJRC will be hosting a discussion of the movie *Selma* on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 on the Zoom Meeting Channel. Please join us. The movie is based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches initiated and directed by James Bevel and led by Martin Luther King Jr., Hosea Williams, and John Lewis.

### ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION BEEF STEW UPDATE

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. If each of us brings a can or two, we'll meet the monthly goal of 175 cans. So far we already have 142 cans; 38 to go. You can bring your donated cans by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. Remember, it doesn't hurt to go over our goal!!

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING US OUT TECHNICALLY AS A ZOOM MASTER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?

We have a small group of people who have offered, but would like to add to the team. If this is something you could see yourself doing, please contact the office.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS are available for purchase for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for August, September, and October. They are on the table of the Ruffin House foyer if you want to stop by some morning or you can let the church office know and one can be mailed to you.

### ST. MATTHEW'S PODCASTS

These podcasts produced by our summer interns, David Nichols and Amy Peterson about prayer are available on Apple, Spotify, or your other favorite service today!

- Download from Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/st-matthews-hillsborough-podcast/id1518438878>
- Download from Spotify: [https://open.spotify.com/show/3YFhNFr6VPhvgvAYKgmX46?si=TOJ6\\_bPWTXGc0mxFBD5zUw](https://open.spotify.com/show/3YFhNFr6VPhvgvAYKgmX46?si=TOJ6_bPWTXGc0mxFBD5zUw)
- Listen on your computer's web browser: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1157039>

### PRAYER RESOURCES

- Lectionary Readings for this Sunday, September 13:

[https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/the\\_daily\\_readings.php?d=13&m=9&y=2020](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/the_daily_readings.php?d=13&m=9&y=2020)

- [Buddhist Loving Kindness Meditation adapted by Robert+ for his Julian Classes.](#)

I share this following Dr. Vera Shanley's offering of Loving Kindness meditation at the Tuesday meditation group

- [Very simple ways of praying with Scripture](#) offered by the Jesuits. Great to use with the Easter Gospels and with the lectionary readings for the week!

- [A very simple way of reflecting on your day before God, called the Daily Examen](#), also offered by the Jesuits. This is extraordinarily helpful in finding direction and meaning in disrupted times.

- [Diocesan resources and materials including the Diocesan Guidelines.](#)

## ORANGE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

OC's Department of Social Services is having a free food distribution this the month from 9-11am on Thursday, September 24th at Carrboro High School. Just drive up and open the trunk and the volunteers will do the rest.

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Bob Snyder, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Joseph Riddick, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, John & Sherri Ingersoll, and Sandra Poffenbarger.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, John Thompson, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, and Allie.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle.