Reflecting Christ’s Image Through Inclusive Relationships, Unconditional Love, and Joyful Service

Proper 15 ♦ Yr A
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If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Cor 12:26
+ RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Celebrant:  Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People:    Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

People: 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.

OPENING HYMN  There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy  #470

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
   There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
   There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
   There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
   And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day unison

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth,
and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Response to the Psalm

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
A Reading from the Book of Romans

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 15:10-20,21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did
not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Don Bradley

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 (s)he is worshipped and glorified. (S)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.
Prayers of Intercession

The Intercessor invites our prayers:
As we begin a new year of learning and teaching, let us pray for God’s blessing for our lives and for our world.

We pray for all who learn. May God give us open ears and open minds, and help us to discover the wonders of creation and of the human story. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for all who teach. May God give them grace and wisdom, patience and persistence, as they share their knowledge and the joy of learning with their students. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for all school staff and administrators. May God give them skill and strength and humor, as they guide and support their students. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for parents and families. May God give them love and support, peace, and joy, as they learn and work and live together. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for all decision-makers: for elected and appointed leaders in our world and our church and our schools. May God guide them to choose what is right. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for all who are hurt or ill, especially Jan, Gwen, Ada, Audrey, Bruce and Mike, are there others…………… and for anyone who is lonely or afraid or sad. May God give them strength and support and relief. Let the people say, Amen!

We pray for those who have died, especially the 435 fatally shot in Chicago so far this year. May they have eternal life with God. Let the people say, Amen!
We pray for ourselves, and for our friends. May God forgive us when we do wrong, help us to forgive one another when we hurt, and teach us to do better. Let the people say, Amen!

Celebrant:
Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery. Yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives, yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

+ Passing the Peace

You are invited to share a socially distanced sign of God’s Peace in sign language.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.
Announcements

When birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated: unison

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Students and teachers are invited to stand.

The Blessing of Students and Backpacks

Dear God, please bless the students and teachers who begin a new year of study. Keep them healthy and safe as they learn and grow. Please bless these backpacks and symbols of our schoolwork. Use them to remind us that you are with us in classrooms, while we E-learn at home, in lunchrooms, at gym, while we do homework and everywhere we go. When school is fun, remind us that you are there to share our joys; when school is hard, remind us that you are always there to help with the challenges. Provide for your most vulnerable children who don't have the same resources for learning that we do during COVID. And at all times, help us to do your will, in the name of Jesus, your Son, who was both a student and a teacher, and of the Holy Spirit, who brings us new life. Amen.
The Holy Communion

Song of Preparation

Beside Still Waters

Solo by Bill Kendall

The people’s offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar. As we offer all these gifts to God’s work, we pray:

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise be to you, Lord God of mercy and grace, for you entered into covenant trust with your chosen people, and bestowed on them boundless gifts and an irrevocable calling. In Jesus you take your children’s food and give it to all creation, even we who lurk in the shadows, hoping for the crumbs of your eternal glory. You have lifted us from the floor to your table, and from a place beyond redemption to the joy of your heart. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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.

Cleansing God, in Christ you come among us in infectious purity, and heal us from the inside out. You give us eternal food that, in you, we may never be hungry again. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may become people who take in the holiness of your mercy, and give out the abundance of your grace. Sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and or many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Forgiving God, you sent Joseph to Egypt, through the conspiracy of his brothers, to redeem your people from the curse of famine. You sent your Son Jesus to the cross, through the corruption of our human will, to liberate us from sin and death. Raise up among us children of hope, of courage, of truth, and of vision, who embody your will to turn our evil into your good. Transform the lives of all who live under famine today; visit any who are excluded by envy or prejudice or fear; and lift the hearts of those who are weighed down under burdens too great to bear. Gather at your resurrection banquet your whole church, living and departed, that all creation may feast with eyes and ears and touch and tongue on the effervescence of your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

And now, 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant:
The gifts of God, for the people of God.

We welcome all God’s people, regardless of church affiliation, to receive the Body of Christ at God’s table.
Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to your pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available.
Please let the communion minister know before they hand you bread.

Communion Hymn

Refrain:
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
    and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
    and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
He has done great things, he has done great things, he has done great things, bless his holy name! [Refrain]

After all have received communion, the people stand or kneel as we pray:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Sending Forth into the World

Presider: May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bids me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
**Prayer Requests**

**CALVARY MEMBERS**
Jan B., John H, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK (Elizabeth), Angelo, Amauri, Jayne (Kellan), Janis Family, Carol Halla, Dirk (Schuurmann), Nancy Casper, Bill Kendall, Sally McC., Lee Davis, Jean Morris, Eileen, Robyn Grobe, Dave Olson, Alex (Castle), Kyle (Castle), Rocky, Harrison, Crystal Hacker, Alyssa, Lynda Neely, Bruce Schuurmann

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN NEED, OR EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP**
Leah (Sally), Carolyn (Hansen) Kat, Mic (Neely) Tuskey family, Maeann, Kari, Rich (Jensbys), Trever, Bev Madsen (DOK), Abby & Family (Carla), Rina (Carol), Kathleen, Jack, Kathy, Gwen, Lisa, Mike, Sheldon (Gwen), Ruben Calvillo (Alyssa), Al Thompson (Morrice Family), Richard Sr. (Nolans), Wayne (Gladys Smith), Nancy (Gladys Smith), Sheenah Ware, Ashlee Neely, Brian Herbert (Liz), Larry (Tony S.), Janice Berrier

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Alpha & Yakha Traore, Rev. Pat in Guinea West Africa with Connecting with Love, Fr. Russ & Heidi Smith

**FOR THOSE UNDER/UNEMPLOYED**
Stephen, Ricky, Michael, Dave

**HOME BOUND**
Jim H.

**FOR THOSE IN PRISON**
Gary

**FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES/FIRST RESPONDERS**
Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano (Cortesi), Cdr. Eric M. Casper, USCG, Clint (Pardue)

**FOR THOSE INVOLVED AT MAGDALENE HOUSE MINISTRY**
Gwen O’L. & Ada C.

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**Vestry**

Senior Warden: Ken Pardue
Junior Warden: Jennifer Hentrich

Building & Grounds: Drew Nolan
Events: Joe Latona
Finance: Lisa Pardue
Formation/Education: Marilyn Stein
Outreach: Jan Bruesch
**Upcoming Events**

8/17/2020: Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm
8/22/2020: ISD Food Distribution, 9am, St. Andrew Lutheran Church
155 N. Prince Crossing Rd., West Chicago
8/23/2020: Guest Preacher, Christopher Michell
8/29/2020: Bake Sale, parking lot, 9am - 12pm

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