

**Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2020**  
The Rev Canon David Clunie  
The Rev Canon Laurette Glasgow

**Prelude:**

**Grace and Welcome**

**Collect** Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reading:** Romans 14:1-12 *read by Paul Cappon*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling 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 judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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 honour of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then 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 Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** *The Reverend Canon Laurette Glasgow*

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord.  
God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, and all in authority under her; for our armed forces, and for all who serve in diplomatic missions and NGOs; Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.  
God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

In our Anglican Community, we pray for *the Church of South America, The Most Reverend Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America and Bishop of Argentina* and in our own Diocese we pray for *St. Helen's, Orleans, The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey, The Reverend Canon Peter Lackey* For *Open Table Ministry to university students*

God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

For wisdom for all in our educational system, and protection for teachers and students; we pray for parents and grandparents, their families and for school administrators and support staff.

God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

For the absolution and remission of all our sins and offenses.

God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

For all who lack food, water, work or shelter; for all who suffer from wars, famine or disease, including COVID-19; for first responders and support workers; for all medical researchers and professionals, especially those in hospitals and long-term care facilities. In our own parish we pray for *Margaret, Liba, Laurie, Harriott, Marissa, Mary, Fay, Don, Christina, Hana and her family, Harriet and her family in Africa, Michael and Kathleen*; and at St. Aidan's *Linda, Lee, Norma, Tom, Lois, Julie, Gary, Lisa, Seare, Warren* and we take a moment of silence for those uphold in our hearts. (*silence*)

God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, and for those who mourn their passing.

God of Love **Hear our prayer.**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory:** Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

**All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat:

this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Priest* God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**