



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

EPIPHANY

September 13, 2020

**The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Ante-Communion Rite II

The People's responses are in bold.

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Reader: Alyssa Ballou

Voluntary

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Go down, Moses

Lift Every Voice and Sing 228

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;
3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;
4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo - ple go.
2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.
3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.
4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

This hymn comes from Lift Every Voice and Sing, a compilation of music from African-American traditions. We include this today in recognition of the contributions of Black worshipers around the globe to the glory of the Kingdom of God.

Welcome Prayer

Holy Spirit, living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Epiphany. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let our hearts be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Word of God

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

Exodus 14:19-31

Common English Bible

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

God's messenger, who had been in front of Israel's camp, moved and went behind them. The column of cloud moved from the front and took its place behind them. It stood between Egypt's camp and Israel's camp. The cloud remained there, and when darkness fell it lit up the night. They didn't come near each other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord pushed the sea back by a strong east wind all night, turning the sea into dry land. The waters were split into two. The Israelites walked into the sea on dry ground. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians chased them and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and cavalry. As morning approached, the Lord looked down on the Egyptian camp from the column of lightning and cloud and threw the Egyptian camp into a panic. The Lord jammed their chariot wheels so that they wouldn't turn easily. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites, because 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 comes back and covers the Egyptians, their chariots, and their cavalry." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. At daybreak, the sea returned to its normal depth. The Egyptians were driving toward it, and the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the cavalry, Pharaoh's entire army that had followed them into the sea. Not one of them remained. The Israelites, however, walked on dry ground through the sea. The waters formed a wall for them on their right hand and on their left. The Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians that day. Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the amazing power of the Lord against the Egyptians. The people were in awe of the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

Common English Bible

Reader Please join with me in reading the Psalm for today.

**When Israel came out of Egypt—
when the house of Jacob came out
from a people who spoke a different language—
Judah was God’s sanctuary;
Israel was God’s territory.**

**The sea saw it happen and ran away;
the Jordan River retreated!**

**The mountains leaped away like rams;
the hills leaped away like lambs!**

Sea, why did you run away?

Jordan, why did you retreat?

Mountains, why did you leap away like rams?

Hills, why did you leap away like lambs?

Earth: Tremble before the Lord!

**Tremble before the God of Jacob,
the one who turned that rock into a pool of water,
that flint stone into a spring of water!**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 CEB

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that

servant, released him, and forgave the loan. “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Marianna Gronck

Nicene Creed

Deacon **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 he is worshiped and glorified. 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

The Prayers of the People

Litany of Solidarity and Hope During a Pandemic. Written by Joseph P. Shadle, Prayers during the coronavirus pandemic, Xavier University

Reader For those who are sick.
For those with chronic illnesses and underlying health concerns.
For all those who are suffering.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are unemployed.
For those suffering financial hardships.
For those who face an uncertain future.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are suffering from physical or emotional abuse.
For those who are disproportionately suffering because of societal structures and unjust policies.
For those who are struggling with physical or mental disabilities.
For those who are overwhelmed by anxiety and stress.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For those who are dying.
For those who have died while saving the lives of others.
For all who have lost their lives.
For those who have survived.
For those who have lost their spouses.
For children who have been orphaned.
For all those who mourn and those who comfort them.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers.
For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals.
For those who serve in the armed forces.
For public officials. For business leaders.
For educators. For innovators and inventors who provide
new solutions.

People For Deacons, Priests, and Bishops.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For peace in our city and in our world.
For renewed friendships among neighbors.
For solidarity and unity among all peoples.
For a greater appreciation and love of all humanity.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader For patience and perseverance.
For calm in the midst of fear.
For the grace to overcome adversity.
For generosity of spirit. For hope in times of despair.
For light in the darkness.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Gracious and Loving God, You are our comforter and our hope.
Hear our prayers as we come before you. Strengthen us in this time of need. In-
spire us to acts of solidarity and generosity and give us hope of a brighter future.
Amen. (*Adapted from a prayer by Joseph P. Shadle*)

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Priest 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.**

The Peace

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

Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon Let us join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.
All **Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May my food and drink be your body and blood.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer
But hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes
When, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.**
(1989 Anglican Church of South Africa Prayer book)

Final Blessing

Priest

Lord, bind us to you and to our neighbor with love,
May our hearts not be turned away from you.
May our souls not be deceived nor our talents or minds
enticed by allurements or error.
Thus may we love our neighbor as ourselves,
with strength, wisdom, and gentleness.
And may God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with us all forever more. Amen.
(Adapted from a prayer by St. Anthony of Padua)

Dismissal

Deacon

Dismissal of their choice.

People

Thanks be to God.

Go forth for God

1982 Hymnal 347



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Voluntary

Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: Starting this week we will be offering the virtual version of Coffee Hour at 10:30am right after the morning worship service! Coffee and Chat will be an informal way to pop in and have a chat with your church community! You can join the Zoom gathering with by entering the meeting ID: 989 0659 2488 and then the Password: 618030

Christianity + Abolition | A Group Study on the End of Policing: Mosaic is facilitating a study for 20-30 somethings, which will consist of a total of six conversations. We will engage with the text *The End of Policing* and wrestle with the questions surrounding the work of abolition and what that looks like as a Christian commitment historically and in our present moment! The first session will be on the 24th at 7PM. We are encouraging participants to have read the first two chapters of *The End of Policing* by Alex Vitale. You can find more information about the reading for our first session and additional resources by visiting here: <https://mailchi.mp/fead1cd37b23/abolition-christianity>

Jesus... Lord, Liar, Lunatic, or totally Awesome!? Starting this past Saturday the FYC team announced a new weekly teaching series they will be producing for the students in our community! The series will explore the life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus in one-minute sermons as well as longer conversations between leaders about who Jesus is to them and how he shapes their lives! You can watch the intro video by visiting here: <https://rb.gy/wk3db9>

Flagstaff Shelter Services: Due to the continued use of by-night hotel rooms, and extra staffing, in order to support between 150 - 250 people/night, the Flagstaff Shelter Services request our financial help. Please prayerfully consider a contribution for FSS for them to carry on the good work they are doing in Flagstaff. Mailing address: Flagstaff Shelter Services, P.O. Box 1808, Flagstaff AZ 86002. Thank you.