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**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, September 13, 2020

# The Word of God

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

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.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
    and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly Sovereign,  
almighty God and Creator,  
    we worship you, we give you thanks,  
    we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the God,  
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 God:  
    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 Creator. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*      God be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING:**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM**

### **Psalm 103:8-13**

- <sup>8</sup>You are full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- <sup>9</sup>You will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will you keep his anger for ever.
- <sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.
- <sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far have you removed our sins from us.
- <sup>13</sup>As a parent cares for a child, \*  
so do you care for those who fear you.

## **SECOND READING:**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

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. <sup>4</sup>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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

***He Is Lord* Claire Cloninger, Linda Lee Johnson, Tom Fettke**

Verse 1

Emptied of His glory  
God became a man  
To walk on earth in  
Ridicule and shame  
A Ruler yet a Servant  
A Shepherd yet a Lamb  
A Man of Sorrows agony and pain

Verse 2

Humbled and rejected  
Beaten and despised  
Upon the cross the  
Son of God was slain  
Just like a lamb to slaughter  
A sinless sacrifice  
But by His death His loss became our gain

### Verse 3

Satan's forces crumbled  
Like a mighty wall  
The stone that held Him  
In was rolled aside  
The Prince of Life in glory  
Was lifted over all  
Now earth and heaven echoes with the cry

### Chorus

He is Lord He is Lord  
He is risen from the dead  
And He is Lord  
Ev'ry knee shall bow  
Ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord

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### **GOSPEL:**

*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 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."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

## **THE 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 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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 hearts, especially Connie, Jamie, Kobe, Hayden, Dick, Pat S., Amy, Paige, Nancy, Bailey, Norma, Byron, Sharon, JoEY, Helen, Jim, Danielle, Susan, Devon, Bill, Harold, Heather, Amelia, Melissa, David, Karen, Ellie, Tom, Maggie, Sandra, Logan, Jean, Heidi, Mark, Abby, Paul, Carolyn, Ginny, Linda, Joe, Shirley, Sharon, Norm, Joey, Vicki, Tom, Beau, Todd, Del and Chad.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

## **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 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**

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

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** Carole Seitz, Lynette Kautz, Mary Amador, Mary Ferry, Jennifer Speas, Joseph Reed, and Regan Warner

**Anniversaries:** Elaine & Rich Hill

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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.    *Psalm 50:14*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**    *Special Music*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

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Let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*After communion the Celebrant says:*  
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

***Michael Row the Boat Ashore* piano arr. Ann Buys**

### **Lyrics**

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

Sister help to trim the sails, hallelujah

Sister help to trim the sails, hallelujah

Jordan's River is deep and wide, hallelujah

And I've got a home on the other side, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

Michael's boat is a music boat, hallelujah

Michael's boat is a music boat, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

Michael row the boat ashore, hallelujah

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Online Coffee Fellowship**

Join members of the St. A's family on Zoom **Today at 11:30 am (following this service)** for an interactive online social hour.

### **Outreach Collection**

The Outreach Committee invites you to send checks to support the **Native American Textbook Fund AND - OR - the Formation/Seminarian Fund** in the coming weeks as the academic year begins. Had our services been held in person, each would have had a 1st Sunday Outreach Collection at St. Augustine's in 2020. **Your checks can be made out to St. Augustine's with the Native American Textbook Fund and/or Formation/Seminarian Fund on the memo line. Thank you for your support of students in our city and congregation!**

### **Elaine Randall Book Club**

September's selection is [This Tender Land](#) by William Kent Krueger. Both books are available for pickup from the book bags located in the narthex.

### **Summer Concert Series**

Our summer concert series continues with two selections from Ali and Joe Threlkeld.

Joe: The song "I Shall Be Released" was written by Bob Dylan in 1967. The musical group The Band were playing and recording with Dylan during that period and included the song on their first album. Since that time, the song has been covered by dozens of artists across a diverse musical spectrum such as Elvis Presley, Earl Scruggs, Big Mama Thornton and Greta Van Fleet. The gospel-tinged melody and rhythm are paired with lyrics that cry out for release from unjust detention, redemption and for the revealing of truth.

Ali: This piece is taken from the Largo of Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony. It was adapted in 1893 as a hymn with words by William Fisher, called "Going Home". I love its haunting melody.

## **Outside Activity at St. Augustine's**

If you are tired of being cooped up in the house these last few months and want a change and the opportunity to enjoy the late afternoon air, I have the perfect event for you. We will be having our first St. Augustine's "Fall Tree Mulching Gathering" on **Friday, September 18** starting at **5:30 pm**. Please come out even if you won't be able to arrive until 6 pm or later. I will have 3 wheelbarrows, but we could use 1 or 2 more. Great opportunity for our church youth group to help out. If you have any questions, please call Jim at 402-618-8837.

## **Brewsky's Open Golf Scramble 2020**

The 2020 Brewsky's Open will tee off on **Thursday, Sept. 24th** at the Pacific Springs Golf Course.

In addition to golfers, organizers are also looking for volunteers and prize donations for this annual event. Topping this year's "Needed List" are:

- Golf Balls (always by the dozen) that are used as pin prizes for all holes.
- Items for the raffle. Anything that is new and can be given away as a prize is welcome, it does not have to be golf-related. Restaurant gift cards are always popular, or sporting goods stores or golf shop cards, etc. all should feel free to use your imagination!
- Volunteers (6-8) to help with sign-up, raffle sales, guiding people to their carts, sitting at the hole-in-one hole, etc. on the day of the event. Contact **Jim Mumgaard at 402-459-1374** or [jmumgaard@brewskys.com](mailto:jmumgaard@brewskys.com)

## **Annual COPE Classic Golf Outing**

The Annual COPE Classic Golf Outing has been rescheduled for **Friday, Sept. 25**. In addition, if you register your team of four before **Sept. 4** you will receive a FREE golf hole sponsorship (a \$100 value for early sign-up). Please see the enewsletter for additional information on how to register and purchase sponsorships online.

COPE provides services to families for rent, utilities, furniture, clothing and food pantries. Due to COVID-19 your support is more important than ever before for COPE to continue the good work of assisting families in our community! And you can have fun with family, friends and co-workers while doing it!

## **Inclusivity Opportunities**

Here are some opportunities coming up at St Augustine's:

### **My Body is a Confederate Monument Discussion:**

Join St. A's own Recia Lord and Leslie Dean from Church of the Resurrection on **Saturday, September 26 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM** to discuss this powerful opinion piece by Vanderbilt University writer-in-residence Caroline Randall Williams (author of *Lucy Negro, Redux* and *Soul Food Love*) that was published in the New York Times on June 26, 2020. This lively online gathering is sponsored by the following Diocese of Nebraska Groups: Women's Ministries, Daughters of the King, Education for Ministry and Balancing the Scales of Justice Task Force.

### **Balancing the Scales of Justice:**

Our diocese has a "Balancing the Scales of Justice" task force that was established in response to a General Convention resolution in 2018. This group is specifically focused on issues of criminal justice, bearing witness to the complexities and needs of our system in ways similar to those of the *Just Mercy* film. Rebecca Smith, who has led a ministry called "Read Me a Story" that records current inmates reading birthday books to their children as a way of keeping family connection strong and orienting people back to family life after a sentence, serves on the Task Force. This group meets online to discuss and plan their work, and those interested can e-mail Fr Ben and task force chair Kaitlin Reece ([kaitlinreece@gmail.com](mailto:kaitlinreece@gmail.com)) for information.

### **"Save the Book" for a Book Study: *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander**

The Balancing the Scales of Justice task force has also committed to helping the diocese gather around a book study on *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. Published in 2010 this book describes the conditions of mass incarceration and their impact on racial disparities in the United States.

### **Traces of the Trade: Documentary and Conversation**

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS FALL**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Some Windows Into What's Next

One of the big questions we've had of our design is where precisely to put some of our "legacy elements" of stained glass windows. The Campaign Building Team met with the architects to review the design and worked to finalize this over the past week.

The first question was whether we should try to find places for every previous element we were able to locate in our archives. After some good discussion, we decided to use the pieces that have been up, as they have been best maintained and are the most familiar, and to preserve the other elements for later use in the master plan, as future elements will be more likely to involve liturgical spaces.

Finding a good position for our current elements took some thought: so much of our input towards design wanted to preserve lots of views and open light. The architects brought a universally-liked idea of placing the smaller, narrow stained glass in our education wing hallway as artistic accents to our Sunday School rooms.

The architects had a harder time positioning the larger pieces. Although they could find wall space flanking our current entrance, that would have resulted in removing all visibility from our Narthex apart from "peeking over" the windows, which we noted as a security, light, and visibility issue. Aesthetically, there were some concerns that the wall to either side of the front door is uneven, which would have placed one window back in a recessed alcove once the offices are built out. We weighed these concerns against the prominent location of the Narthex.

Instead, we found a space on the south wall of our main adult meeting room. This will face towards our walkways to the entrance, so the windows will remain a major piece of the front of our parish as people walk up. More significantly, this meeting room will be the primary location for small and mid-sized groups such as Vestry, parish committees, EfM, Daughters of the King, and ministries such as the Walking the Mourner's Path program or the

12-Step group that we've hosted. As we reflected on this, we talked about how the stained glass element there would help to ground our leadership conversations in both prayer and the history of the church, as well as creating a sense of a "chapel" space for groups such as DoK, EfM, or Walking the Mourner's Path, which regularly use prayer as a major part of their meeting. This room will also likely stand as our Sunday School space for older youth.

The Campaign Building Team ultimately voted for this classroom location facing south onto the walk-up to the front door, and to add one additional new window to the Narthex to help brighten that space in general. We also discussed where many of our interior elements will be placed, and agreed that these decisions can be made later, as they won't affect the construction as directly.

In terms of construction, we are in a real calm before the storm: MCL, our contractor, is continuing to do some specific site-work tasks to prepare us, but they will go into full "general conditions" of on-site presence on October 1<sup>st</sup>, which will begin a much more assertive "make-safe" checklist for our church. This will involve final locations and care for plumbing and electrical and vent systems, and blocking off the parish hall and current offices and hallway from the Narthex using a semi-permanent hard wall of plywood, which will close our access to these spaces. We have several meetings with city committees the first full week of October, and we hope to receive the formal permit shortly after that, which will allow us to begin demolition in earnest and move to our concrete pours and framing, preparing to close-in the building as fully as possible to save money on cold-weather building conditions.

As we know more about our demolition timing, we'll be passing that report on, but we're in a "hurry up and wait" position right now, carefully lining up all the checkboxes, and once we get that final box checked, things will be moving fast!

As always, please feel free to reach out to Fr Ben with questions!

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