

We pray also for those newly added to our prayer list, *Emily Compton, Marcia & Jim Compton, and Manuel Pablo*, and all those on our extended parish prayer list. (*Bill Hartig, Olivia, Felix, Frank, Maureen Sullivan, John & Gayle Brooks, Eddie Fortune, Michelle, Mike, Diane, Miguel, Andrea, Dorothy, Edie, Angela Kennedy, Butler Family, Jacia, Karen Camp, Bishop Carl Wright, Karen, Judy, Dom Grady, Patrick Payne, Deanna, Doug & Kat Connell, Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Francisco, Bill Reid, Elaine Askew, Terri Bennett, Sylvia J., Bill Armour*). We pray for others we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray for *LJ Thomas Ahlers (family of the Goulds)*, and all who have died. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who have died, from any time. May we come to know that heavenly comfort you have prepared for us. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION BCP 331

THE PEACE BCP 332

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord
People: **and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer I) BCP 333

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 337

THE COMMUNION BCP 338

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL BCP 340

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Kim Hines's mother (friend of Karan Wright)



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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

8:00 AM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church † Burke, Virginia

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 323

All stand, as able.

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

SUMMATION COMMANDMENT

BCP 324

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

People are seated for the readings and psalm.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13

Prayed in unison.

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| 1 | Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. | 4 | He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness; |
| 2 | Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits. | 5 | He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's. |
| 3 | He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities; | 6 | The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed. |

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

All stand, as able.

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

People: **Glorify be to thee, O Lord.**

Matthew 18:21-35

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Venerable Holly Hanback
Archdeacon of the Diocese of Virginia

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! With grateful hearts, we pray saying "Loving God, hear our prayer."

Loving God, look upon your Church with eyes of great compassion and love. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *St. Matthew's, Sterling; and St. Thomas, Richmond*. We pray for St. Andrew's, Ramallah. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, as we all seek to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, we pray for ministers. We pray in particular for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Bishops Stevenson, Harris, and Smith, our bishops; for Will, our priest, for Justin, our Aspirant. We pray for all of us, ministers in your Church. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, have compassion on the people of our region. We pray for all of our government and elected officials in the nation and in our community. We pray for our military, civil servants, and all who serve the common good. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, all that you have created tells of your love for us. Guide us in the stewardship of creation. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of violence, discrimination, depression, and despair. Guide us to seek your justice in racial inequality and wherever human dignity is diminished. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, your son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. We pray in particular for those who struggle with addiction and other mental health conditions. We pray for other struggles of our frail human nature either out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are good and we praise you with a joyful noise. We thank you for all of the blessings of this life. We pray for other thanksgivings, either out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace and your loving presence to all places in this world and our country upset by disaster, including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Yemen, South Sudan, Libya, Morocco and other places we now name out loud or in the silence of our hearts. Let us pray,

Loving God, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all who suffer in this world and need healing. We pray in particular for *John Carver, Nancy, Andrea, Tony Durso, JD Thomas, Don & Marlene Taggart, Steve Ramsdell, Libby Fike, Larry Packard, Eve Albanese, Sally Heyer, Obadiah & Claudia Dugan*.