



Common Prayer for Children & Families

September 13, 2020

Vision Statement

To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

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Our Mission Priority

Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19), September 13, 2020

Opening

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us gather in stillness and silence.

Pause for 10 seconds of silence.

God open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
One God and Mother of us all,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.
Come, let us worship.

Song

This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.

The First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

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 Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation

What does it mean to forgive someone?
Why is forgiveness so difficult?

Prayers

God of Love, gather all people as one human family.
Guide our community, our country, and the world.
Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.
Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.
May all who have died rest in peace.

For what else shall we pray?.

The Lord's Prayer

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 Collect of the Day

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.

Closing

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
Thanks be to God.

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