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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"This is the Feast"

This Far By Faith, Setting One



☒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia.


☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.


Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to


God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


For the Lamb who was slain has be -


gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of


vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The Bible Bunch: an excerpt from episode 2
(For the full version, check the link sent via email.)*

WORD

*God speaks to
us in
scripture
reading,
preaching,
and song*

GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 21 - 35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter 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?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



SERMON

The Reverend Adam Snook, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Synod



HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 867

In Thee Is Gladness



1 In thee is glad-ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



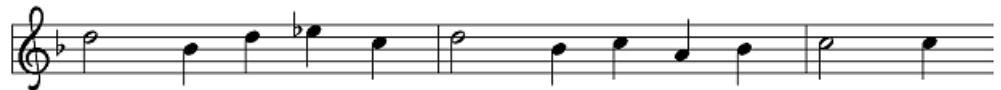
true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

SENDING

*God blesses
us and sends
us in mission
to the world.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

This Far By Faith, Setting One

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise;

tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -

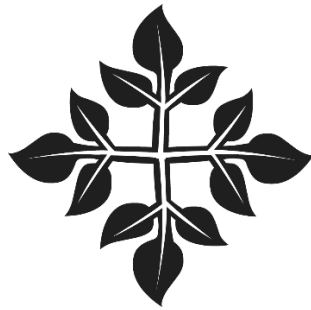
joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv -

repeat ad lib
ing, with shouts of thanks - giv -

ing. Al - le - lu - ia.





ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Meranda Phannenhour	Children's Message: The Bible Bunch
Anne Ritcey-Conrad	Reader
The Rev. Adam Snook	Preacher
Lauren Voorpostel, Sarah McCutcheon	Hymn of the Day
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Prayers of the People
Amelia Suknundun	The Lord's Prayer
Jessica Walker, James Suknundun	Community Message
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Sending

In our Prayers

Rodney Erlandson, Melody Hogeveen, Mary Hughes, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- The Neighbourhood Table @ Home is happening on Thursdays from 5 - 7 pm starting September 17th.

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

No Virtual Café Today

There is no Zoom coffee hour today, September 13. If the weather has cooperated, there are people gathering for outdoor worship and lunch at the church property.