

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Fifeenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 13, 2020**

#464 Come, ye faithful raise the strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness:
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
let them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.



H464.MID

'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen:
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render,
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

Alleluia now we cry to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal:
alleluia, with the Son God the Father praising,
alleluia yet again to the Spirit raising.

John of Damascus 8th century, translated by John Mason Neal 1818-1866

The Lord is in his holy temple: O come, let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95.1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
 and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Psalm for the day Psalm 114

The Readings for the day: Exodus 14:19-31, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

#74 Forgive our sins as we forgive

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”, you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.



H074.MID

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
then reconciled to God and man, our lives with spread your peace.

Rosamond E Herklots 1905 - 1987

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers (see litany below)

Please remember Karen, Geri, Doe, Thelma, the Anzil household, nursing homes, those coping with treatments and scheduled surgeries, teachers and parents.

The Collect for the day

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

#137 Through all the changing scenes of life

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.



H137.MID

O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwelling of the just;
deliverance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love; experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Tate and Brady's 'New Version' 1696

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**

Litany #1

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city and for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (insert names), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (insert names), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God, **To you, O God.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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