

St. John's Parish Church Liturgy
September 13, 2020

Proper 19 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOW HE LOVES

He is jealous for me
loves like a hurricane I am a tree
bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

CHORUS:

He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that -CH

Opening Greeting and Announcements

PSALM 139

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you understand my thoughts from afar.

² You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

12 For you yourself made my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.

14 My bones were not hidden from you *
when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written.

Song

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;
Hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

THE ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and people pray:

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue (page 100).

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and People pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Proper 19

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

Genesis 1:1-31

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” 7 And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. 8 And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the

night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” 21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” 29 And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all

have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:43-48

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers,ⁱ what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON - *Fr. Greg Snyder*

Song

TEARS OF THE SAINTS

There are many prodigal sons
On our city streets they run
Searching for shelter
There are homes broken down
People's hopes have fallen to the ground
from failures This is an emergency

CHORUS:

There are tears from the saints
For the lost and unsaved
We're crying for them come back home
We're crying for them come back home

And all Your children will stretch out their hands
And pick up the crippled man
Father we will lead them home
Father we will lead them home

There are schools full of hatred
Even churches have forsaken
Love and mercy
May we see this generation
In its state of desperation
For Your glory This is an emergency

BRIDGE:
Sinners reach out your hands
Children in Christ you stand
Sinner reach out your hand
Children in Christ you stand -CH

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Thanksgivings, prayers, and petitions from the people via Facebook live stream.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

Prayer for this Parish

Dearest Lord,

This is your land, this is your parish, these are your people.

Bless all who live here, all who work here, all who rest here.

Bless all who are struggling, and all who are thriving.

Bless those who lead the flock of Christ.

May wisdom, joy and compassion be theirs,

May the churches be places of unity, wonder, healing, and adventure,

May this land host the grace of God now and always.

Amen.

Silence

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,**

provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,

**to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
JOHN 3:16^T

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another with smiles and waves in the Name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be made via stjohnsparishchurch.com, or St. John's mobile app, or mailed to: PO Box 125 Johns Island, SC 29457

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

Offertory Song

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

CHORUS 1:
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God yes I am

Free at last he has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me -CH1/2

CHORUS 2:
In my Father's house
there's a place for me
I'm a child of God yes I am

BRIDGE:
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who you say I am -CH1/2

All things come from you, O Lord,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

The night before He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ celebrated a special meal with His friends. He took some bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them saying, "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

He also took some wine, blessed it, and gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me."

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together pray

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious

Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people now consume the bread and wine

Song

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could re - member no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

CHORUS:

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more -CH

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more -CH

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those who are not able to be with us physically

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered

around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and
goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed com-
pany of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Song

The people may leave quietly at this time, respecting that others are still worshipping through the end of the final song.

GREAT THINGS

Come let us worship our King;
come let us bow at His feet

He has done great things
See what our Savior has done;
see how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

CHORUS:

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm;
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again;
for Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things -CH

BRIDGE:

Hal - le - lu - jah God above it all
Hal - le - lu - jah God unshakable
Hal - le - lu - jah You have done great things
You've done great things

FINAL CHORUS:

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things
You have done great things O God You do great things

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Buck & Princess Morris' anniversary
by Miles & Pam Hanckel.*

PRAYER LIST

The Church...

Our Vestry and all baptized persons who are the ministers of St. John's Parish Church. Our Rector, Greg and our Curate, Jeremy.

Our Staff: Elizabeth, Jacky, Mark, Rob, Sally and Walt.

Seminarians: David Rowe.

Our Ministries and Ministry Partners, especially Respite Care, AA, NA & the Cub & Boy Scouts.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina. Archbishop Foley Beach, Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America. Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. The Rt. Rev. Johnson Gakumba, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda. The Rt. Rev. Jorge Aguilar, Bishop of the Anglican Church in Peru.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

North Myrtle Beach, Grace Mission. The Rev. Cindy Larsen, priest-in-charge

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer...

Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea and the Most Rev. Allan Migi, Archbishop

The Government...

Donald, our President and Henry, our Governor.

Short Term Prayer...

Alan, Bill Bayly, David Bernthal, Linda Brown, John D'Annunzio, Rev. Shay Gaillard, JoAnne Gauss, Amy Guess, Elaine Hart, Hughes family, Edward Jacques, David Joseph, Kay Kitchens, Stan LaRoche, Schuler family, Ransome Sheets, Jonathan Tanner, Heather Teague, Gary Terry, Charles Wallace, & Frasier Young.

Long Term Prayer...

Ron Ahlemeyer, Leona Beckmann, Carmen Bentz, Janie Borden, Walker Breland, Marguerite Dawdy, Shirley French, Sharon Harper, Bev Jenkins, Frances & Tom LaRoche, Susan Lenacks, Eston Mann, Judith Martin, Nancy Payne, Bouy Peoples, Genie Ridge, Meredith Sallee, Julie Snellen, Doreen Witte, Robin Webber & Elizabeth Williams.

Those Receiving Communion at Home...

Edward Jacques, Bill Neville, Genie Ridge and Ann Schaffer.

Other Prayers...

All those who are serving in our military throughout the world, especially Daniel Bentz, Randon Davis, Reid Furman, Erin Hadlock, Mac Hunter, Stephen King, Becker Minshew, Catherine Parnell, Finn Peterson, Andrew Speights, Bennett Stackhouse and Reid Stanley.

Fr. Gene Sherman and Christ Church Westshore, Cleveland, OH, Rev. Bill Oldland and St. Bartholomew's Church, Hartsville, SC.

Persecuted Churches around the world...

We pray for persecuted churches around the world. For the month of September we pray, again, for the nations of Iraq and Syria. Heavenly Father, Christians and Christian churches in the Middle East are under immense pressure due to persecution, ISIS, civil war, and Covid-19. We continue to lift them up in your Holy Name, asking for your mercy to surround them. We pray for the churches in those nations to stay alive through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Amen.