

PRINCE OF PEACE



Lord, How often should I forgive?

Matthew 18.20

Sunday September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
who creates redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,

Have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit,
live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge you are the inexhaustible fountain of
forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we
may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ 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?'

¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ "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. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ 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. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

[¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit,**

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ **The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.]

⁸ **The Lord is merciful and gracious,**

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ **He does not deal with us according to our sins,**

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,**

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus 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. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ 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." ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ 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. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Message

Song: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

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1. "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.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew;
How trifling others' debts to us
How great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Peace Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinion. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.
May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW 608 Thompson

1. Softly and tenderly
Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals
he's waiting and watching
watching for you and for me. *Ref.*

2. Why should we tarry
when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger
And heed not his mercies
Mercies for you and for me? *Ref.*

3. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon
pardon for you and for me. *Ref.*

Refrain

"Come home, come home! You who are weary come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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