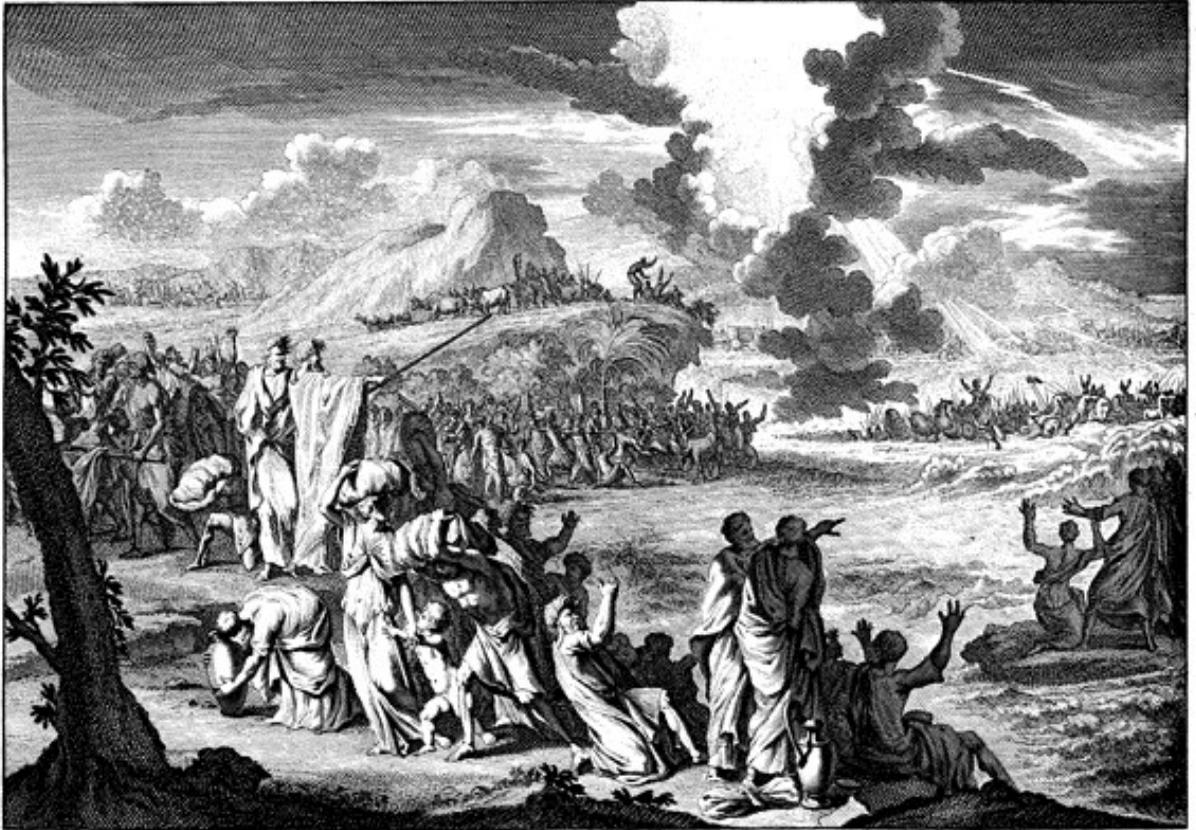


# St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

[Moses and the people of Israel sang this song...] "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation..."

Exodus 15:1b-2

**Welcome to St. Augustine's**

*A special welcome to those who are visiting via our on-line service. We welcome the addition of your praise and thanks to God this day. If you are seeking a church home, you are welcome here.*

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# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II, WITH ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### Prelude Music

*Where Can I Turn for Peace*

Sok Hwee Tay, Church Accompanist

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### THE WORD OF GOD

*Priest*      ✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP p. 355

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Priest*      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 Gloria

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*Priest*      Let us say together The Gloria.

*People*      **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      Let us pray.

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

## The Old Testament

*Exodus 14:19-31*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

*Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21*

*Reader* Let us say together portions from the book of Exodus as the response to our Old Testament lesson.

**"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.**

**The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;**

**this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

**The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.**

**“Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.**

**The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.**

**Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power--  
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.**

**In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.**

**At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.**

**The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.’**

**You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.**

**“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?” [...]**

**Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.**

**And Miriam sang to them:**

**“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”**

**All Glory be 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.**

*Gloria Patri*

**The Epistle**

*Romans 14:1-12*

*Reader* A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord.

Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

### **The Gospel**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

*Priest* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Gradual**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

- 3 Heal your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

[hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)

### **THE HOMILY**

Fr. Dan Wagner

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*Priest* Let us stand and affirm our faith saying together the Nicene Creed:

*People* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

*Intercessor* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence*

*Intercessor* For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Intercessor* For this community, the nation, and the world, especially Donald our president, Henry our governor, and Rick our mayor;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Intercessor* For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Intercessor* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Intercessor* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Intercessor* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andrew our Bishop, Dan our Priest and for all bishops and other ministers.

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for *N.N.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Hear us Lord.

**People For your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Intercessor* We will exalt you, O God our King.

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, ✠that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially *Leroy Delionbach and Elaine Marshall.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Intercessor* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

**People Who put their trust in you.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All*        **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest*     Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Priest*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*After exchanging the peace, the Minister may offer this or some other suitable offertory sentence.*

*Priest*     And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Thy Word*

Sok Hwee Tay, soprano and Dick Maltz, baritone

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant, Choral Setting by Jack Schrader, Copyright 1984, 1994 Bug and Bear, Meadowgreen Music Company

### **Doxology**

*From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

HYMN NO. 380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Author: Thomas Ken (1674) Tune: *Old 100th* from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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*Priest*     The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Priest*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*     **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*     **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The bell is rung.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*The bell is rung.*

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

*The bell is rung.*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Priest* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People** 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Fraction**

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

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**All** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**Priest** The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Fr. Dan receives communion. Then, at the direction of the ushers, individuals or family groups will come forward to receive communion or a blessing. When approaching the altar, remain socially distanced. When picking up the consecrated host (bread), only touch the one you will consume. Keep your mask on when picking up the bread. Please turn from the altar and consume the consecrated host and return to your space.*

*Following everyone receiving, there will be a period of silence for the adoration of the blessed sacrament. We will do this for those watching and not present with us. Those watching on-line are encouraged to look upon and meditate on the blessed sacrament and then everyone will pray this prayer which comes to us from the Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951.*

### **THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF THE ARMED FORCES**

**All** In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of Thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to Thee.

**And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate Thee from me. May I live and die in Thy love. Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*Priest* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

*Priest* The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for family  
by Charlie and Tina Luddeke.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **In-Person Inside Worship Update**

Beginning Sunday, September 27, we will transition into in-person inside worship. Per Diocesan requirements, we are allowed to have 38 persons in our building (nave and fellowship hall). We will have two services: 8 AM and 10 AM (music only) By having two services, we can accommodate a “typical” pre-Corona Pandemic Sunday worship size. For planning purposes, to attend, you will need to sign up via our website. All Worship Covenant procedures will continue for these inside services. All surfaces will be sanitized between services.

## **Celebrating the Life of Leroy James Delionbach**

Our brother in Christ, Leroy Delionbach passed away on Tuesday. There will be a Burial of the Dead Rite I (no communion) service taking place on Tuesday, September 15 at 3 PM here. It will be outside. The service will continue with the Committal taking place at St. Thaddeus.

## **Fr. Dan’s Discretionary Account Assistance Opportunity**

Please note, on the second Sunday of each month, all loose-offering donations are set aside for Fr. Dan’s Discretionary Account. This fund is used to help those in financial need. Please consider making a donation to help support this important fund. When writing a check to support this fund, please write “Fr Dan Discretionary Fund” in the memo line or make a note when giving cash. Fr. Dan thanks you for your prayerful and financial support.

## **Aiken Churches Together Serving (ACTS) - Our Quarterly Outreach Partner**

This quarter, our outreach partner is ACTS. They are working very hard to respond to the needs of our community, especially in light of the pandemic. Please pray for this organization. Volunteers are desired for the Downtown and Graniteville Offices. You can contact ACTS at 803.649.3800 to learn more about volunteering opportunities. Items desired for donation are:

- Men’s slacks and jeans size 30 to 40
- Children’s clothing size 4T to 18 youth
- New Underwear, all sizes and types, men/women/youth
- Baby wipes, diapers size 4 and 5
- Basic school supplies (crayons, notebooks, pens, etc.)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Various jellies
- Bath soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Backpacks
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Various jellies

Each Sunday at our Welcome Tent, we will have a bin for donation items. Please give generously.

## **In-Person Outside Worship**

Our service will begin at 8:30 AM. If there is a 60% or greater chance of rain, the service will not be held. An e-blast will be sent and our web site will be updated if we cannot have the service. An on-line service take place instead. Our outside services will be recorded and placed on our web site as soon as possible. This is to ensure that our whole congregation can participate in worship, especially those who are remaining at home at this time.

Remember, Fr. Dan does not “force” or “expect” people to attend in-person worship. This is especially true if people have health issues or are over the age of 60. Please contact Fr. Dan to let him know if you are not attending worship at this time and he will provide pastoral care and connection to our wider congregation.

## **Our Worship Covenant**

Beginning July 26, our congregation will begin in-person outside worship. We are excited about this opportunity to worship together, but we all need some “ground rules” to keep us safe while we are together.

As followers of God, we are familiar with the notion of covenant. God made one with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). A covenant is an agreement between two or more parties and the agreement is upheld by all involved parties. Going from God and Abraham in the Old Testament to all of us here at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Aiken during this pandemic, all of us are bound together by our promise to uphold a worship covenant.

This covenant is something that all of us need to abide by in order to have corporate worship once more (regardless if it is inside or outside worship). In Bishop Waldo’s Re-Opening Guidelines, he directs clergy to provide his worship covenant for all congregations in our Diocese. The worship covenant includes the following information.

**When on the campus of St. Augustine of Canterbury (Aiken) for worship, I will:**

- **Wear a mask at all times.**
- **Sit only in areas designated for individual/families worship space (being socially distanced).**
- **Not physically pass the Peace.**
- **Remain standing/seated in my place and not moving, unless for the restroom or to receive Communion.**
- **Receive consecrated bread only.**
- **Not attend in-person worship (inside or outside) if sick or feverish.**
- **Adhere to social distancing before, during, and after all worship services.**
- **If attending a service and later become sick, am tested for the Corona Virus, and test**

**positive, I will alert Fr. Dan immediately.**

- **Alert Fr. Dan if not attending in-person worship so he can provide pastoral care to parishioners not attending in-person worship.**

So this covenant gives us our parameters, or our “ground rules” for worship. This covenant is for all of us to follow, so we can remain as healthy and safe as possible. Part of being in community together is to respect one another and show care for one another. We can do both of these things by abiding to Bishop Waldo’s Worship Covenant.

Remember, if attending the in-person outside worship, please:

- Bring your own chairs, blankets, umbrellas, suntan lotion, bug spray, etc. and make yourself comfortable!
- Dress very casual.
- Know that our restrooms will be open for use if need be.

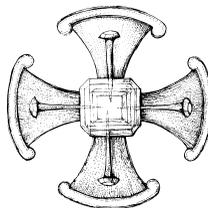
The Church will provide water and granola bars/snacks at our welcome tent to keep folks hydrated and blood sugars in the healthy range.

### **Altar Flower Opportunities**

Thankfully, we have altar flowers set until November 22. Thank you all!

*Please continue to access our website for more services, meditations, and news updates.*

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# Prayers of Our Community September 13, 2020

## We remember these people in prayer:

Residents & Staff of Harbor Chase  
Residents & Staff of Benton House  
Willie Harrelson  
Bob Bradford                      Thomas Gunnels  
Barb Curtis                         Bill & Jean Tilt  
Tony Garcia                         Jonathon Moor  
Benjamin Williams                Eddie George  
Chris Morgan                        Donavan  
Chris Rauch                         Krysten  
Krista Luders                        Lindie Lassiter  
Gavin                                 Karen Cuvielle  
Charlene                             Maddie  
Dianne Hadley                      Pat Robinson  
Jones Family                        Cheryl  
Stella Wilson                       Elizabeth  
Nancy Smith                        Linda & Kent Elkins  
Ash Ryan                             Stephen Thomas  
Julie Markus                         Joshua  
Ginny Murphy                        Cheryl Mehta  
Larry Coker                         Saker & Thomas Families  
Sarah Mehta                         Danny  
Steve Briggs                        Sue Thielemann-Freschi  
Eric Uhl                              Anne Suleman  
Kathy Cook                         Tom Williams  
Tony Smith                         John & Emily Garland  
Veronee Family                      Alicia Sanders  
Danny Walker                        Angela Snelling  
Johnnie Kissiah                     Elizabeth Cochran  
Christine Carolan                   Jim & Ansley  
Sharon Caulfield                    Ginny Hess  
Julie Willis                         Ellen  
Kyle                                 Catie and Roger Naranjo  
Elder Family                        Rick Scott  
Paul Sullivan                        Jim Lewis

## Please contact the Church

- To add a name to the perpetual prayer list
- To remove a name when prayers have been answered
- To add names to other lists on this page or to make corrections

## We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

1 Joe Benedict  
3 Alex A. Perry  
3 Tally Spaulding  
4 James E. Burgoyne, Jr.  
6 Robert Helmig  
8 Leroy Delionbach  
8 Thomas Lookabill  
11 Liz Butler  
13 Amanda Grace  
14 Mildred Stubblefield  
17 David Whitehouse  
18 Emily Stanley  
19 James J. Masek  
20 Dennis Boone  
20 Henry Testa  
21 Richard W. Gillette  
21 Harold Woeber  
22 Bruce Karl Snell  
22 Robert D. Wilson  
23 Richard Praete  
24 Ginger Lee Berry  
28 Vivian Milner  
29 Robert E. Gunnels

## We pray for those celebrating birthdays:

4 Dottie Robinson  
6 Chuck Weiss  
11 Anne Jones  
14 Ed Kopp  
18 Jim Woeber  
24 Jim Moor  
25 James Denny  
30 Pat McClellan

## We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

2 David & Marilyn Busch  
2 Brad & Tonya Pemberton  
5 Jim & Sharon Lewis  
7 Gary & Lexie Russell  
30 Jamie & Raina Knudsen