



**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**10:00 AM + September 6, 2020**

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Prelude: *Petite Prelude*

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Hymn: *God is love, let heav'n adore him* tune: *Abbott's Leigh*

Hymn 379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
*Celebrant* Collect for Purity

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.

Glory to God

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Collect**

Said in unison

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

***Amen.***

### A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel 33:7-11

**Y**ou, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the LORD God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*People's response after the reading* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
**and I shall keep it to the end.**
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
**for that is my desire.**
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
**and not to unjust gain.**
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
**give me life in your ways.**
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
**which you make to those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
**because your judgments are good.**
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

## A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*People's response after the reading*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

*People Said before the reading*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Said after the reading*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

**Silent Meditation**

**The Nicene Creed**

Spoken by all, standing.

**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 Prayers of the People – Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, for the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gale our Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust [especially Donald our President and Charlie our Governor], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, for Paul, our Interim Rector and for Valerie Cowart, Deacon.

**In our Diocese:** St. Peter's Church, Beverly, St. John's Church, Beverly Farms, All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers and St. John's Church, Gloucester.

**We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford,** especially for Congregation Shalom (Reformed Jewish).

**PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH** especially for all who are keeping in touch with other parishioners with notes of encouragement.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Mike Thompson	health issues/pending surgery
Elizabeth Sandoval	health concerns
John MacKenzie	cancer treatments at home
Molly Loder	Brain cancer
Nate Barrow	Medical concerns

**PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Kathy W.	friend of Angie Egan – suffering with brain cancer
Anna & Family	friends of the LaRochelles - being evaluated for a possible heart transplant
Dan Willman	son of Barbara Willman – diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Charles Fedolfi	brother of Laura Marshall - recovering from a stroke
Sampath S	friend and work colleague of Scott Bempkins - cancer
Hugh Fossum	friend of Katie LaRochelle - Hugh is having a recurrence of myeloma, prayers for Hugh & his wife Carol as they deal with healing and treatment while also being quarantined from their children and grandchildren.
Dan	friend of Katy Belanger – stage 4 lung cancer
Chris Gobron	brother of Deb Collins – recurrence of esophageal cancer
Jennifer	Sister of Lissie Bates-Haus - Cancer
Joanna Nickerson	Deacon Bruce's wife - Parkinsons
Erismath M. Kintu	Rowena's father – health concerns

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH CHRONIC**

**ILLNESSES:** Terry Hunter, Brian Hunter's brother, Chaz Freeman, Lois Freeman's son, Vinnie and Jeanette Freeman, Janet Laughlin at Newbury Court, Concord, Larry Van Walters, Ken Lager, twin brother of Kate Friesner, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, D'Youville, Lowell

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY WHO ARE HEALTH CARE WORKERS:**

Theresa Camacho, Chris Pyne, Linda Cahill, Pam Meinhardt, Larisa Ducharme, Lois Freeman, Nancy St. Onge, Kiyomi Hammoumi, Gail Carmichel, sister of Linda Coles, Leigh Lovely, sister of Lynn Gresock, Kathryn Harrington, Ben, Dave, & Marlene Hillman, Michelle & Dave Colton, Dr. Amanda Kowalski, daughter-in-law of Karen Kowalskim Cherie & Scott Hamelin, Christy Brodeur, Jessica McSheehy Del Llano, Sean Olbert.

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

**Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of**

your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### **Absolution**

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**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

**Offertory:** *Prelude Modal*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

### **Announcements**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

### **Contemplative Eucharist**

#### **Concluding Prayer**

Almighty God, our fast from Holy Communion does not arise out of any lack of devotion to you, but out of the love you have commanded that we have for one another. Give us strength to endure and bless this fast so that our spiritual hunger will lead us to worship you as one family once again gathered around your altar where with your Son Jesus Christ you live and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### **The Blessing**

**Postlude:** *Petite Suite, Introduction*

Gerald Bales (1919-2002)



*Join us for online coffee hour at 9am on Sunday! The Zoom link is found in an email invitation sent on Sunday mornings along with the links to other ways to join us during the week.*

*Holy Eucharist next Sunday! If you would like to receive, look for email from the church next week.*

*Also starting next week, September 13<sup>th</sup>, coffee hour will resume being at its usual time of 11am on Sundays.*