



St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

521 29th Street, Oakland, CA 94609

GOING FORWARD IN FAITH

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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude: Farewell Waltz by Chopin

Call To Worship *"We Have Come Into His House"*

- 1 We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him; x 2
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ, the Lord,
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

- 2 So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him; x 2
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Christ, the Lord
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

- 3 Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him; x 2
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ, the Lord
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

The Opening Sentence

The people standing

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
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

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

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,

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name.

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 the Father.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory hallelujah,
Lord we praise your Holy name. Amen.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *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 Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

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 *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from the book of 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 *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou Great

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,

Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Congregation: 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."

Reader *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

The Sermon Dahlin

The Rev. Jim

(Brief period of silence)

The Nicene Creed [Stand]

**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 VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For the city of Oakland, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marc our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

Rene Moreno, Marquis Baylor, Mary Borders, Auta Boykins, JoAnn Campbell, Maria Campbell, Lori Casey, Joan Daniels, Olivia Davis, Nancy Duranteau, Kathy Ennix, Nicole Ennix, Kelem Fabrice, Barbara Fuller, Blanche Gaines, Alfred Gilpin, Andrea Green, Nathaniel Hickman, Judy Ireland, Frederic Knapp, Dolores McLeod, Nan Parsons, Anne Price, Charlie Ramsden, Joetta Jones-Redmond, Deborah Reeves, Clifford Reeves, Robert Silverman, Elaine Simmons, Ajamu Smith, Colesie Sterling, Suzi Taylor, Terry Waltz Kurfess

Please unmute yourself to add your own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Please unmute yourself to add your own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Please unmute yourself to add your own names.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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.

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

The peace of the lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please unmute yourself to give the peace

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Announcements.

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem *"Make Us One Lord"*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit make us one, let your love flow
So the world will know, we are one in You.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**

**of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given
us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

We've Come This Far By Faith

(Chorus)

We've come this far by faith, Leaning on the LORD
Trusting in His Holy Word, He never failed me yet.
Oh can't turn around, We've come this far by faith

Don't be discouraged, when trouble comes into your life
He will bear your burdens, And remove all our misery and strife
And that's why (Chorus)

Just the other day, I heard a man say, He didn't believe in God words
But I can truly say the Lord will make a way, Because he's never failed me yet.
And that's why (Chorus)

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Announcements:

The Union of Black Episcopalians celebrates Feast of Rev.

Alexander Crummell – Patron Saint: [https://
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vu2j4DUEQ8U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vu2j4DUEQ8U)

Word from the Social Justice Committee:

A tangible thing we can do to advocate for change involves sending hand-written postcards to voters in swing states. The Social Justice Committee is recommending this for those interested in the upcoming election: [https://
postcards.sunrisemovement.org](https://postcards.sunrisemovement.org)

Fill out the Census!

Register to vote!

Pray for St. Augustine's

Bible Study, Wednesdays at 2pm over Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8742688428>

Meeting ID: 874 268 8428

If you don't like/have Zoom, you can call in on your phone:
(408)638-0968. 874 268 8428#

<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

Evening Prayer, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm

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