

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet



Christ's Charge to Peter by Raphael

[Italian Renaissance Art](#)

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GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the 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. Amen.

Prelude: *Selections from “Celtic Suite”*

Charles Callahan

This suite based on five Celtic tunes was commissioned for the 2016 East Texas Pipe Organ Festival. Composer and organist Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts. His writing style has been described by The Washington Post as “gentle, confident lyricism.” He was recently honored by the American Guild of Organists with its 2014 Distinguished Artist Award, “for his illustrious career as composer, performer, teacher and consultant, and his lifelong service to the sacred music profession.”

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Rev. Zac Koons

Hymn of the Day: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Hymn 427

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised! When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised! God’s holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with: Jesus Christ be praised! No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than, Jesus Christ be praised! There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised! Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Jesus Christ be praised! God’s whole creation o’er, both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated for use in English hymnals during the 19th century. It is rare for a hymn tune to be composed for a specific text, but English composer Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) wrote this music with these words in mind.

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Offertory

Solo: *Be Thou My Vision*

Irish Folk Tune, arr. Paul S. Jones

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Garrett Gerard, soloist

Composer Paul S. Jones was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada in 1969. He holds a doctorate in choral conducting from Indiana University and four other degrees in piano, composition and theology. While at Indiana University he studied piano with the legendary Menahem Pressler, founding member of the Beaux Arts Trio. Dr. Jones has served numerous congregations during his career. He is currently a professor at the University of the Bahamas, and also serves as Organist of the Church of St. Christopher (Anglican), at Lyford Cay.

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The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *Tu es petra et portæ inferi non prævalebunt adversus te*

(You are the rock and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you)

from Esquisses byzantines (1914-1919)

Henri Mulet

Henri Mulet (1878-1967) was a French organist, cellist, and composer. He was raised, educated, taught, and served churches in Paris until 1937 when he took a church position near Nice along the Mediterranean coast. He and his wife were plagued by poverty throughout their lives. In order to supplement their musical income, they ran a toy shop until 1958, when ill health forced them to retire to a convent.

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Eating Together: Suggestions for Your Table

We invite you to use this packet to deepen your home worship and provide thoughtful reflection for you and your family.

In the Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus says, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." The words from *The Collect* remind us that we are together no matter our location: "that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples."

Giving deeper thought to these lines reminds us of our church in the physical sense, however, as we worship outside of our building, we are called to realize that as much as we miss our physical space, we can remain together in unity wherever we are. Our faith is greater than brick and mortar and cannot be contained.

Here's a prayer you can use before dinner:

God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost in our day, receiving these petitions and thanksgivings with your unending compassion. Amen.



PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers: Heather Azarmehr, Christine Brunson, Eric Boudreau, Joan Chapmond, Beth Chenoweth, Mac Dailey, Jodi Doran, Courtney Farris, Russ Farris, Nicole Flores, Jana Kay Green, Steven Jennings, Marcille, Jesse Martin, Charles Osterberg, Cilla Parkinson, Jonea Raney, Jennifer Pollard Ruiz, Samuel, Mary Smith, Jordan Sondgeroth, Jeffrey Todd, Kim Todd, Michael Todd, Amber Featherstone-Uwague, Aaron Walpole.

For those celebrating birthdays: Becky Janes, Kristen Lewis, Charlotte Bushman, Marcy Greer, Barbette Cooper, Caden Callahan, Marquita Dubach, Stacey Gonzalez, Greg Hass, Rich Janes.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Amy & Nassos Papalexandrou, Dee Ann & Mike Thomasson, Jill Collins & Jonea Raney.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Drive-thru Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices, Sunday, August 23, 6:30 p.m.:** All elementary and pre-k students are invited! Line up in the St. Mark's parking lot - first stop: greet Mr. Casey, second stop: receiving blessing from Fr. Zac & Mthr. Mary! We can't wait to see you! Remember to bring your backpacks and devices, and all are asked to remain in your vehicles, and wear a mask.
- **Online Youth Gathering: Sunday, August 30th, at 7:30 p.m.** Join us as we check in, see friendly faces, and talk about plans for the fall! Zoom link will be going out soon -- email Casey (casey@stmarksaustin.org) if you'd like to be added to the youth email list.
- **Rector's Book Group returns** on Tuesdays, beginning September 8 @ 7:00 p.m. We will turn our conversation about race in a more directly theological direction. Further details coming soon!
- **New Sunday School series begins September 13th** with Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings. Stay tuned for details! Please continue to join us for Coffee Hour through August!

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Sunday Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#).
- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** via Zoom. Links posted on our website each day www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Contemplative Prayer Group, Saturdays, 9 a.m.** Access link [here](#). All are welcome!
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study:** Mother Mary leads the group through a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. This [link](#) will be active on day of the event. **Note: Bible Study will not meet on September 1st & 8th.**

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Mike Thomasson, Carol Oppel, Judy & Dave Elkins.

Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

The Flores-Aja Family, Jeanne Erichson, Pam & David Johns, Eric Panter, The Shaw Family.



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