

Parish of Estevan
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Giles'

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ST. GILES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Presider:	The Ven. Wilma Woods
Readings & Prayers of the People:	Jan Harris
Sidespersons:	Brent & Allison Dinsmore

Draw the Circle Wide

***Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

**God the still point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. refrain**

**Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. refrain**

**Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. refrain**

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Announcements:

We begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather, is on in Treaty 4 Territory, the original lands of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the homeland of the Metis people.

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community
Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All 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

Celebrant Let us pray.
The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect, after which the people respond, Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

First reading Exodus 14.19-31

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus

^{14:1} 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. ²⁰It 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.

²¹ 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. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall

For them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At 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. ²⁵He 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷So 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. ²⁸The 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. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel 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.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 The Song of Moses

Exodus 15.1–3, 6, 11, 13, 17–18

I will sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph; *
the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and refuge; *
the Lord himself has become my saviour.
He is my God and I will praise him; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.
The Lord himself is a mighty warrior; *
the Lord, the Lord is his name.
Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power; *
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods, *
holy, awesome, worker of wonders?
In steadfast love you led your people, *
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
You brought them in safety to your holy place, *
and planted them firm on your own mountain.
You brought them into your own house. *
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Second reading Romans 14.1-12

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

^{14:1} Welcome those who are weak in faith,* but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?*- Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?*- For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.*- ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to* God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.*-

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the Gospel. Matthew 18:21-35

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**

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

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?' ²²Jesus 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. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *Archdeacon Wilma*

A silence for reflection may follow.

Musical Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

All 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 to the dead.
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 Prayers of the People

A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People

Lord, we pray that your church may be welcoming and open. Let us draw others to you by our love and understanding. May we be a support to the weak in faith, a strength to the wavering, and uplift the fallen. Let us not be judgemental, and yet let us stand firm in our love for you and for your will. Teach us to be forgiving towards others as we seek forgiveness from you. We pray for the outreach of your church, for its mission to seek out the lost and recover the fallen.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We pray for our clergy and churches: for Rob, our Bishop; Linda, our Primate; Mark, our National Indigenous Archbishop; Greg, our Metropolitan; Wilma, our Archdeacon; Barb, our Deacon; for the clergy, lay leaders, congregation and ministries of the parish of Good Shepherd (Holy Trinity, Ogema and St. Peter, Avonlea); for Archbishop Melissa Skelton, the clergy and the people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon; for the staff of the British Columbia Synod, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada; the clergy and the congregation of the Church of God in Estevan; for the Dioceses of Mumias in Kenya, Yola in Nigeria and York in England; our companion dioceses of Lichfield and Musinga; for our ecumenical partners in the Lutheran, Anglican, Ukrainian Catholic, Roman Catholic Covenant (LAURC)

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

For clergy and lay leaders as they lead their congregations through alternative services during Covid-19, for health care workers and all who are providing essential services through the Covid-19 pandemic; and for support for members of our congregations as we adapt to the changes that we are facing through the pandemic.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

For our front-line workers especially Dustin Hall and the Staff at Hall's Funeral Home.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We pray for justice and fair dealings in trade. We remember those who have had homes or land repossessed, all who have become bankrupt, all who have lost the little that they had.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We give thanks for what you have given to us. We pray that what we have may be neither hoarded nor squandered, that we may give to the relief of the needy and to the building up of our world. We give thanks for all who have been generous to us, and we pray that our homes may be places of grace and generosity.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We pray for our church family Brian and Wilma Woods and their family, Robert & Vivian Adams and their son Todd and his family.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We remember before you all who are in trouble or in need. We pray for those in sickness, especially: Autumn, Greg, Gwen, Linda - the Bishop's sister, Lyle, Randy, Terry, Ginger Anderson, Brian Brandon, Jodi Bryant, Dale Budlong, Clint Davies, MacKenzie Delaine; Darlene Forbes; Wanda Friess, Dorothy Gaetz, Mike Gulak, Bob Haines, Glorhi Haines, Alan Hodges, Brian & Nola Joseph, Glenda Knight, Bea Lukye, Jeremy Lukye, Mikayla MacPherson, Leanne McCarthy, Arnold Newton, Les Saxon, Kim Smith; Candy Smyth, Wanda Stang, Dustin Taylor, Ed Taylor, Kelly Thompson, Lisa Van de Velde, Edna Walliser, Meghan Wright, and Tom Wright, and those we name silently before you.

[. *Pause*]

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

We give thanks for all who in their generosity have given their lives in the service of others. We pray that as they gave their love and their life, you will give them love and life eternal. We pray especially for: Jim Smith '06; Bob Efford '18; Asher Wilson '19. May we, with them, share in your love and in life everlasting.

Lord, as you gave your life for us, **help us to give our lives to you.**

Lord, you opened your arms for us on the cross, you welcome us into your kingdom: may your saving power be known among us, and lead us into the ways of peace, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in everlasting love. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
**All 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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please stay in your seat – nod or wave to others only.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Wings of an Eagle

As we hope in the Lord
We will gain our strength
We will run for miles
We will stand up straight
We will not grow weary
We will not grow faint
On the wings of an eagle we will rise **Chorus**

*On the wings of an eagle we will rise
On the wings of an eagle we will rise
For our hope is found
In the power of God
On the wings of an eagle we will rise
On the wings of an eagle we will rise*

For the Lord who is God
Takes His people home
Not to be afraid
As we journey the road
Hand in hand we'll be walking
With the Lord our God
On the wings of an eagle we will rise. . . . **Chorus x 3**

Offertory

During this time of pandemic, when we cannot physically put our offerings on the plate, we ask that offerings continue to be given by mail, etransfer or pre-authorized deposits through your bank. Further information is on our website.

For the gifts and offerings, we receive, we give thanks and pray:

The Prayer over the Gifts

When the gifts have been prepared, the celebrant may say the Prayer over the Gifts, following which the people say, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices 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.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.
People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All 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.

Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,
The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Beginning with the front pews please line up in aisle to receive communion.
Family groups should observe 2 metre distance from next family group.
It is recommended that to minimize close contact, the communicant pauses 2 meters away
from the priest, (there is a mark on the floor) - who says, "The body of Christ," to which the
response "Amen " is given.
The communicant then proceeds to receive the wafer.
Please return to your seat keeping to safe distancing protocols.*

Music During Communion

Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Standing, the community prays in silence. The celebrant may say the Prayer after Communion appointed for the day. At the conclusion of the prayer the congregation says, Amen.

Then the following doxology may be said.

Celebrant Glory to God,

*All whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.*

*Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

I am the light of the world

I am the Light of the World

You people come and follow me.

If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled.

When the star in the sky is gone.

When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.

The work of Christmas is begun! *Chorus*

2. To find the lost and lonely one,

To heal that broken soul with love,

To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,

To feel the earth below the sky above! *Chorus*

3. To free the prisoner from his chains,

To make the powerful care,

To rebuild the nations with strength and goodwill,

To call a man your brother everywhere. *Chorus*

4. To bring hope to every task you do,

To dance at a baby's new birth,

To make music in an old man's heart,

And sing to the colors of the earth! *Chorus*

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Options for giving your offering to the church

Listed below are the options that we have:

1. You can mail your offering to:

St. Giles Anglican Church

317 12th Ave.

Estevan, Sask. S4A 1E3



2. e-Transfer your donation to:

stgiles@sasktel.net

3. You can sign up for automatic giving. Wendy will attach the form again. You can print it fill it out and scan it back to stgiles@sasktel.net or put it in your at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone or text so she knows to do that!)

4. You could put your donation in an envelope with your name on it in your mailbox at your house and Heather (306) 421-2457 will pick it up. (Please phone or text so she knows to do that!)

If you are coming to church remember to RSVP to: the church at

306 634-4113

Or

Heather at

306 421-2457

Please do this by Friday evening.

~ Thank You ~

