

And out of  
pity for him,  
the master of  
that servant  
released  
him and



him the debt.

MATTHEW 18:27, ESV



September 13, 2020

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Proper 19A

A Service of Readings and Prayer in the Season of Pentecost  
St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church  
Idyllwild, California

*"All guests who present themselves  
are to be welcomed as Christ himself."*

St. Benedict (480 – 547)

Our doors and our hearts are open for everyone and to everyone. You are welcome here. We seek to welcome each person who comes our way as we would welcome Jesus; for God is quite creative: coming to us in persons and ways we can barely imagine. Our hearts and arms are ready to receive you, it is our calling and we seek to be faithful to our calling.

**The kinds of folks you'll find here ...**

Our faith community is an eclectic mix of people with differing backgrounds and perspectives, united together in a common love of God and neighbor. Chances are, there's someone like you at St. Hugh's.

We are "young in the faith," just beginning to ask questions; "teens in the faith," just now piecing together who we are and what it means to follow Jesus; "maturing in the faith," asking our questions, exploring our gifts and serving others in the name of God, and "mature in the faith," reflecting on what we have been and what we have done as we look back on our lives in our winter season of grace.

People of all backgrounds, abilities, and beliefs are part of the St. Hugh's family. You'll find a wonderful mix of brothers and sisters in the faith at St. Hugh's, your "mountain home."

All persons who enter are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at St. Hugh's, not just Episcopalians.

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# Order of Service

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*The people's responses are indicated with bold type.*

## Centering Time

Put your burdens and baggage down, let go of your worries.  
Pause, rest, and lift heart and mind to God

## A Penitential Order

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

*Invitation to a brief examination of conscience*

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.**

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. ~BCP 351-352

## Collect of the Day

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.** ~BCP 233

## Readings

With heart and mind and soul, we attend to God's Holy Word.

**First Reading**

*In our Hebrew scripture lesson Joseph's brothers fear his wrath upon learning of the death of their father Jacob.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

**Psalm 103:8-13 BCP 733**

*The Psalm Response is a hymn of blessing in thanksgiving for healing forgiveness and for all the Lord's acts of compassion and justice.*

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**Second Reading**

*In this reading Paul calls upon the Roman disciples to live with tolerance for one another's scruples, recognizing that everything can be done to honor the Lord with whom each Christian has a relationship.*

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>10</sup> 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 judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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“FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE” #674 (ADAPTED)

### The Gospel

*In the gospel lesson Jesus bids his disciples to offer a forgiveness which is, for all practical purposes, unlimited, and he tells a parable about a man who, although forgiven much, still himself had no mercy.*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> 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?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

<sup>23</sup> “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> 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.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So 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 our Savior Jesus Christ;

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

Forgiveness | The Rev. Daniel Rondeau

## Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Susan, our Bishop, and Daniel, our Priest, that may they have hearts to love and hands to serve and be faithful in their ministries.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right and good.

We pray for such moderate amounts of rain and showers that our forest home may be refreshed and renewed.

In this time of pandemic we fervently pray that you may heal those who are sick with the coronavirus: please help us provide adequate care and bless the sick with your healing grace;

For healthcare workers: Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own;

Bless scientists and researchers around the world that their work on this virus may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body mind, or spirit.

In the midst of natural disasters we pray for all who are hurt or harmed or displaced: be with them in their distress and need and grant them your strength and peace;

We pray for all first responders and volunteers coming to the aid of neighbors in need: grant them strength and courage and an abiding sense of your presence in every circumstance.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

We rejoice with Donna Weaver, Dick McCleary, Chuck Lumia, Susan Simmons, Martha Lumia, and Lua Kellgren-Mason as they celebrate birthdays in September;

Likewise, we rejoice with Neil Passage and Jacque Swerdfeger and Larry Stralow and Wayne Watson as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries this September.

Bless them in the ways each most needs in their new year and may you be glorified in their lives and love.

We remember those who have died in the midst of natural disasters, we remember those who have died as a result of human violence, and we remember those who have died from the coronavirus;

We also remember those who mourn their loss and celebrate their lives.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

CANADIAN BOOK OF ALTERNATE SERVICES, 112 (ADAPTED)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Love of Jesus, bless you.

The power of Jesus empower your ministry.

The joy of Jesus, be your profound joy.

The blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
be yours, this day and forever.

**Amen.**

“MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE”

Sisters and brothers, Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
let us go into the world to share, by word and example,  
the Good News of God in Christ;

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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### **Today’s Readers and Intercessor**

Introductions.....	George Tamer
First Reading .....	Douglas Burton
Psalm Response .....	Jacque Swerdfeger
Second Reading .....	Mizzi Diamond
Gospel Reading .....	The Rev. Daniel Rondeau
Homily.....	The Rev. Daniel Rondeau
Intercessor .....	Martha Lumia
Music.....	Ed Hansen
Video Services.....	Douglas Burton

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### ***Resources***

Model (adapted) for the Order of Service: [The Scottish Episcopal Church](#)

*We have modeled our words and order of service after the Scottish Episcopal Church (a member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, as is The Episcopal Church). The format of their service lends itself well to this online/video format. Please visit [The Scottish Episcopal Church on YouTube](#).*

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP): [Online Version](#) (View or download the PDF File)*



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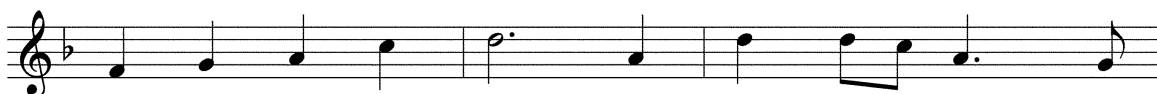
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## “FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE”

HYMN 674 IN HYMNAL 1982



1. “For - give our sins as we for - give,” You
2. How can your par - don reach and bless The
3. In blaz - ing light your Cross re - veals The
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease. Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us, How great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond Herklots, 1905-1987, © Oxford University Press

Tune: DETROIT, CM; Supplement to *Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. by Gerald H. Knight, 1908-1979

# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where  
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And  
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997  
 Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928–1997; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942  
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 Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

*A Prayer for Mission from Evening Prayer*

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 125

*For those we love*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 831

*For those we love but see no longer*

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 504

*For healing*

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to that heavenly country where peace and harmony reign for ever and ever. Amen. BCP 460

*For a Birthday*

Watch over your child, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 830

*For the Conservation of Natural Resources*

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 827

*For the Good Use of Leisure*

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP 825

*For the Mission of the Church*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. BCP 101

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.*

*Amen.*

Numbers 6:24-26

Our church, St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church, is a member of The Episcopal Church which is a branch of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ with his Apostles.

It is part of a worldwide fellowship called the Anglican Communion, with its roots in the Church of England.

It is a universal or catholic church, continuing in the teaching, fellowship, sacramental worship and prayers according to the apostolic tradition.

It is a church of the Protestant Reformation, its members being encouraged to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” the “live word of the living God” in Holy Scripture.

It is an evangelical church, proclaiming Christ crucified and risen and inviting others to form a personal relationship with the Risen One.

It is a compassionate church, bringing the grace and hope of the Gospel to every area of life.

As members of the Episcopal Church, we are all ministers of the Gospel, representing Christ to our world, bearing witness to God’s Love, inviting others to trust in this Love and according to the gifts given us, carrying out God’s work of reconciliation.

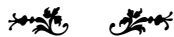
In 1984 all churches in the Anglican Communion agreed to explore and act upon “Five Marks of Mission”:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

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