

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19

September 13, 2026 | 10:00AM Worship Guide

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

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OPENING ACCLAMATION *from expansive language text*

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God’s reign, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

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.

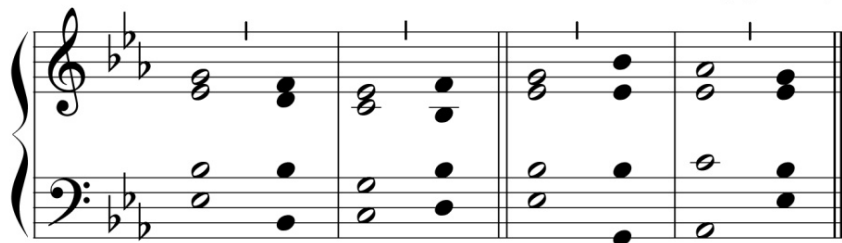
Silence may follow.

Please stand as able for the psalm. The psalm will be sung in unison by all.

THE PSALM

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

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 do- / minion.

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.

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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.

Silence may follow.

| *All please stand as able for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel reading.*

SEQUENCE HYMN | “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon/ Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

***People:* 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.”

Deacon/ Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence may follow.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon/Celebrant: Jesus calls his disciples to forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times, revealing forgiveness as a way of life shaped by the mercy of God. Trusting in that mercy, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: ...God of love,

People: Reconcile us in Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The people kneel or stand as able.

Deacon/Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

THE PEACE

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OFFERTORY HYMN | “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS: S 125 | AMEN RESPONSE: S 146 | FRACTION ANTHEM: S 155

COMMUNION HYMN | “*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*”

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

EXIT PROCESSION | “*O Holy Spirit, By Whose Breath Life Rises*”

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THE DISMISSAL

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