



# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 6, 2020

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**NOTE:** *We will not be holding any services or parish gatherings until further notice, due to the governments' current COVID-19 restrictions. The church is currently closed to tenants and parishioners. Please check our [YouTube channel](#) every Sunday after 9:00 a.m. for our Weekly Worship Service.*



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***“To Seek and Serve  
Christ in all persons”***

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
with Church School

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE - ORIOLE ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**The Gathering of the Community**

*We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. We follow the Order of Service in the **Book of Alternative Services, (BAS.)***

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted  
us with the message of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5.19*

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Hymn: 222 "All shall be well!" ..... SONG 46

All shall be well! for on our Easter skies  
see Christ the sun of righteousness arise.

All shall be well! the sacrifice is made,  
the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.

All shall be well! the cross and passion past,  
dark night is done, bright morning come at last.

All shall be well! Lift every voice on high;  
"death has no more dominion, but shall die."

Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again;  
All shall be well for evermore, Amen!

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: 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**

Choir: 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.**

**Collect of the Day**

Officiant: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: **A Reading from the Book of Exodus (12:1-14)**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 Cantate Domino

Chant: David Braund ..... p. 908 BAS

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a | new | song;

sing the praises of God in the congregation | of the | faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in 'their | maker;

let the children of Zion be | joyful | in their | sovereign.

Let them praise the Name of the | Lord' in the | dance;

let them sing praise to | God with | timbrel 'and | harp.

For the Lord takes | pleasure 'in this | people

and adorns the | poor with | victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in | triumph;

let them be | joyful | on | their beds.

Let the praises of | God be 'in their | throat

and a | two-edged | sword in 'their | hand;

to wreak | vengeance 'on the | nations

and | punish'ment | on the | peoples;

to bind their | rulers 'in | chains  
and their | nobles 'with | links of | iron;  
to inflict on them the | judgement 'decreed;  
this is glory for all God's faithful | people. |  
Hallelujah!

Reader: **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (13:8-14)**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 614 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" ..... DETROIT

Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?  
In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.  
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller: Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."  
*(Matthew 18:15-20)*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: The Rev'd Canon John Wilton

**The Nicene Creed** *(Please stand)*

Officiant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All:** 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

**Prayers of the people** *(Prepared by Archdeacon Kyn Barker)*

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

**All:** Lord, have mercy

**The Lord's Prayer** *(sung)*

Officiant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All :** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us into relationship. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.  
*(silence)*

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.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Blessing**

Celebrant: The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to whom be all love and all glory for time and for eternity, come down upon you and remain with you this day and always.

**Amen.**

Hymn 466 "How clear is our vocation, Lord" .....REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heard your call:  
to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure,  
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,  
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.

**Dismissal**

Officiant: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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### **Exodus 12:1-14**

Exodus is the second book of the Jewish Torah (Instruction or Law), also sometimes referred to as the Pentateuch from the Greek name, "Five Books." Exodus recounts the story of God's bringing the Israelite people out of Egypt, forming them into a community and people, giving them a Law that will enable them to live in justice and mercy, and enabling them to create a Tabernacle, a travelling Holy Space by which God can continue present with them as they journey. Today's reading leaps over the account of the great confrontation between Moses, called by God to lead the Hebrew people into freedom, and Pharaoh, the hard-hearted ruler of Egypt, with its state-organized slavery, oppression and genocide. Pharaoh imagines himself to be a god, and all-powerful, and despite a series of plagues that one by one attack the roots of the entire Egyptian economy of oppression and injustice, Pharaoh will not back down and set the Israelites free. In a final confrontation, God announces that as Pharaoh exists by the genocide of the Hebrew children, so all the firstborn of Egypt will be stricken dead in one night. Our reading today tells of the ritual meal the Israelites will eat before they flee Egypt, and will eat every year as an act of remembrance. Exodus 12-13 connects this meal of lamb with the blood marking the Hebrews' houses so that God will pass over them, with the rituals of a week of eating unleavened bread, and with the requirement that in perpetuity, the Israelites must consecrate all their firstborn males to God. All three rituals are reminders of God's mighty acts in delivering them from slavery into freedom. But the offering of the firstborn also serves as a permanent reminder that the cost of their freedom was the death of Egyptians.

*[Dr. Walter Deller/2020]*

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