

Holy Trinity Church - September 10th, 2023
15th Sunday after Pentecost - Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: Standing on the Promises of God

1. STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING,
THROUGH ETERNAL AGES LET HIS PRAISES SING,
GLORY IN THE HIGHEST, I WILL SHOUT AND SING,
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.

CHORUS:

STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD MY SAVIOUR,
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD.

2. STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST OUR
LORD,
BOND TO HIM ETERNALLY BY LOVE'S STRONG CORD,
OVERCOMING DAILY WITH THE SPIRITS SWORD,
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.

CHORUS:

STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD MY SAVIOUR,
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD.

**3. STANDING ON THE PROMISES I CANNOT FAIL,
LISTENING EVERY MOMENT TO THE SPIRIT'S CALL,
RESTING IN MY SAVIOUR AS MY ALL IN ALL,
STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.**

CHORUS:

**STANDING, STANDING, STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD MY SAVIOUR,
STANDING, STANDING. I'M STANDING ON THE
PROMISES OF GOD.**

Welcome and Children Time

The Penitential Rite

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him
when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways,
and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to
the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God,
for he will richly pardon. Isaiah 55.6, 7**

Invitation

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty
God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our
sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness
and mercy.

Confession

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 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.

Absolution

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. Amen.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Stand

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Venite Psalm 95.1 - 7

ALL: Come, let us sing to the Lord;* let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God,* and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth,* and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it,* and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,* and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.* Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS (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 judgements: 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: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

PSALM 149

REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah! **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Blessed Assurance

1. BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS BE MINE, OH WHAT
A FORETASTE OF GLORY DIVINE,
HEIR OF SALVATION, PURCHASE OF GOD,
BORN OF HIS SPIRIT WASHED IN HIS BLOOD.

CHORUS

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG,
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG.

2. PERFECT SUBMISSION, PERFECT DELIGHT,
VISIONS OF RAPTURE, BURST ON MY SIGHT,
ANGELS DESCENDING, BRING FROM ABOVE,
ECHOES OF MERCY, WHISPERS OF LOVE.

CHORUS

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG,
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG.

3. PERFECT SUBMISSION, ALL IS AT REST,
I IN MY SAVIOUR AM HAPPY AND BLESSED,
WATCHING AND WAITING, LOOKING ABOVE,
FILLED WITH HIS GOODNESS, LOST IN HIS LOVE.

CHORUS

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG,
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOUR ALL THE DAY LONG.

The Gospel Reading - MATTHEW 18:15-20

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.

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."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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.

Offertory Hymn: We Shall Go Out
(to the Tune of Oh Danny Boy)

1. We shall go out with hope and resurrection, we shall go out,
From strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our story boldly, tales of a love,
That will not let us go,
We'll sing our songs, of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united,
Within the vision of new life in Christ.

2. We'll give a voice, to those that have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Expressive love alive in every heart,
We'll share the joy with those who still are weeping,
Raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all in circles of our love.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, have mercy.**")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially ...), for prisoners and captives, and

for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died (especially ...), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering (... and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer I

O God of love, we pray for the people of Ukraine, the frail and the elderly, the women and children who are left alone, grieving families with loved ones who have fallen, and the multitudes who have lost everything. O God of peace, how we long that violence will cease, that the machines of war, will be transformed into implements of peace. Be with the leaders of this world, that their decisions will be keenly oriented towards a just and lasting peace. O God of compassion, open our hearts, to care for the refugees who may come to our shores and the needy stranger in our midst. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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 forever.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant: 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River

(1) Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet
have trod,
With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of
God,

Chorus:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the
beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the
throne of God.

(2) On the margin of the river, washing up its silver
spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy gold every
day

Chorus:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the
beautiful river,

Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

**(3) Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and a crown.**

Chorus:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.**

**(4) Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver, with the melody of peace.**

Chorus:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.**

The Dismissal

**Our Worship is over
Our Service begins**