

Grace Episcopal Church

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Do I Have To Forgive _____?



Matthew 18:21-35

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~ Proper 19 ~

September 17, 2023

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster
Marilyn Scranton, Handbell Director

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Processional Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Gloria (S278)

Mathias

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.**

First Lesson: Exodus 50:15-21

Lynn Colley

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?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘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. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 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. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-13 *Benedic, anima mea* Lynn Colley

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.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12 Jon Sharp

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 508

Nova Vita

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

The Rev. Susan Scranton

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.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People ~ Welcome Back Sunday Laurel McKenzie

We come before you, O Lord, on this day in which we celebrate our beloved church family. We thank you for the gift of this community, the Church that Love Built, a church sustained and loved for 111 years.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of our church family, asking for your joy, guidance, and wisdom as we seek to witness to the Gospel. Bless the many gifts of your people, always keeping before us the image of the One who came not to be served but to serve.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of our children and young people, and ask your blessings upon them and those who teach and nurture them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our liturgical ministries: our choir and handbell quartet, our ushers, acolytes, LEMs, Lectors, Altar Guild and Flower Guild members, our stream team, and hospitality ministry, all of whom enrich and bless our worship and fellowship week by week, feast days and fast days.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our outreach ministries and the many ways in which they open our eyes to see the need around us and compel us to respond with generosity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our Vestry and their gifts of leadership. Guide, empower, and embolden our vestry members as they seek to lead and serve your Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the spirit of your mercy and compassion, we lift up before you those in need of healing and comfort. We pray especially for those on our Parish Prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, you have made us one people: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded with the witness of your saints in heaven and on earth. May we rejoice in their fellowship and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

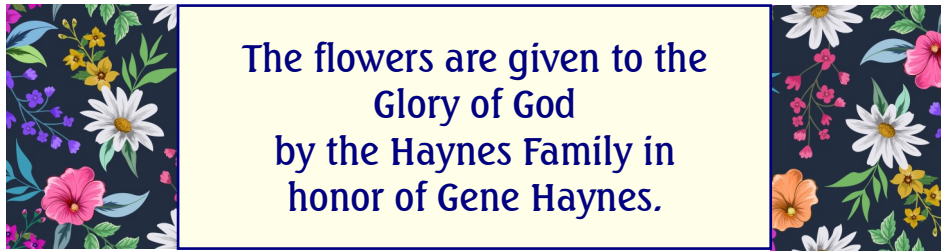
Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem “O How Amiable” R. Vaughan Williams
Grace Church Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3 Old 100th
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361
<u>Sanctus & Benedictus (S128)</u>	<u>Matthias</u>
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
Invitation to Communion	BCP p. 364
<i>(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)</i>	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
<u>Recessional Hymn 411</u>	<u>St. Thomas</u>
	"O bless the Lord, my soul!"
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366



Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Jared Anders
Lectors..... Lynn Colley, Jon Sharp, Laurel McKenzie
Acolytes..... April Moore, Morgan Patterson, Ethan Seielstad
Pianist.....Susan Scranton
Altar Guild Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady, Patricia Meyer
Flower Guild..... Nancy Rice, Marilyn Scranton
Stream Team..... Nolan Frymer, Ethan Seielstad, Mizuki Williamson
Vestry Person of the Week..... Jade Petteruto

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Joe Goetz, Jane Love, Don Desmond,
Sonja Godbey, Carmen, Robert, Doug Jones, Jerry Seielsted,
Camden Kliniski, Audra Montoya, Noah, Lacy, Shirley Reeves,
Thomas Boyd, Jean, Chelsea, Mike & Marie, Stan Smeding,
Ginny George

For strength & guidance: Kara, Kayla St. Onge, Chrissy & Collin Lee

For those who have died: Gene Haynes, Esther Monreal, Terry
Roberts Edwards, Tom Reeves, Donna Petrokowitz

For those who are grieving: Gail Haynes, Shepherd Family, Rosati
Family, Lillian & Denise Barcelo, Trevor Camargo, Carl & Lynn
Colley & Family, Shirley Reeves, Chris Geiss & Family, George
Petrokowitz & Family

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Dawn Mellon	12 – Deborah Hoffman	23 – Suzy Hageman
2 - Al St. Onge	12 – Ted Kopf	24 – Emily Kawamoto
6 – John Williamson	13 – Karson Lakin	26 – Kelsey McKenzie
8 – Marlene McCormick	15 – Clifford Seielstad	30 - Jon Sharp
11 - Gary Kindt	20 – Susan Sherman	
	20 – Manette Thomas	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11
Deborah and John Walter – 13 ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno