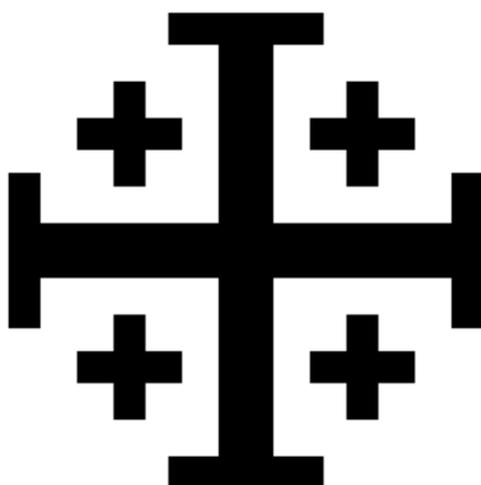


# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AT 9 AM

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY

HARMONIES DU SOIR, FROM *TROIS IMPRESSIONS*, Op. 72

Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
(1877-1933)

Performed by Dexter Kennedy at the Berliner Dom, Berlin, Germany, on July 1, 2016

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

HYMN

PRaise, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

*Lauda anima*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
3 Fa-ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble frame he knows;  
4 An-gels, help us to a-dore him; ye be-hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more his prais-es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev-er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen-tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be-fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful-ness.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly yet his mer-cy flows.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant* Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

# THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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## PRECES AND RESPONSES

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## VENITE

**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 molded 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!**

## PSALM 103:8-13

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST 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.

### BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA DOMINI

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***

**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

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.”

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions - turn,  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* **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.**

## THE PRAYERS

### THE SALUTATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS

*Officiant* 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.  
*People* **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*The Intercessor offers petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation. The people respond Amen.*

We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,  
*People* **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

### UBI CARITAS

*Paul Mealor*  
*(b. 1975)*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock. Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love from a pure heart. Where charity and love are, there is God. Amen.

*Performed by the Christ Church Schola on October 23, 2011*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, 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 life everlasting.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*  
*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Gospeller dismisses the People.*  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRACE

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN

## GO FORTH FOR GOD

Litton

1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
 2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
 3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
 4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO APPASSIONATO, FROM *SONATA NO. 5 IN C MINOR, OP. 80*

*Alexandre Guilmant*  
 (1837-1911)

*Performed by Dexter Kennedy in the Wiedemann Recital Hall, Wichita State University, on November 12, 2019*



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