

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

at ten o'clock

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: The First of *The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross* John Huston

Entrance **HYMN 448 – stz. 1-5** O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Penitential Order Prayer Book page 351

HYMN 448 – stz. 6 All glory to our Lord and God

Collect and Scripture see insert

Gradual **HYMN 574** *stz. 1-3 before – stz. 4 after the Gospel*

Sermon “Forgiving is our gift”

The Te Deum Prayer Book page 95

Prayers of the People – Form 3 Prayer Book pages 98 and 387

Prayer # 47 and The Peace Prayer Book page 829

Announcements and Parish Celebrations Wardens and Parish Leaders

Offertory **HYMN 581** Where charity and love prevail

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book page 361

Sanctus and Benedictus **Hymnal S-129**

During Communion: *O Sacrum convivium (O Sacred Banquet)* Gerald Near

Thanksgiving after Communion Prayer Book page 836

HYMN 860 O God, our hope in ages past, our hope for years to come

Postlude: *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

Please maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Sunday, September 11, 2011



Church of the Annunciation
Oradell, New Jersey

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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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Treasurer – Dave Dziemian

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In Our Prayers

Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marilyn Noll, Chloe Devine, Dorothy Craig, Marie Papp, Agnes Dockendorff, Deanna Miller, Sandra Carida, Carolyn Bensen, Gary Hoag, Theodore Stell, Linda Christensen, Christina Zisa, Leslie Granville, Soffie Minassian, Lisa Emelo, Gloria Brower, John Gibbons, Patt Seitz, Neha Dass, Harold Graf, Charles Kochka, Richard Thomas, Sara Sarnicki, Addison Ridden, Joan Hearle, Angela Kaufmann, Stu Kaufmann, Jon Spinnanger, Catherine O'Dougherty, the Cutty family, Rita Huber, Brian Cronshaw, Clare Simpson, Adrian Simone & family.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Asha Dass by Rahul, Jyoti, and Disha Dass.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week, which is given away for charitable purposes): **Starfish** provides transportation to medical appointments for seniors in Oradell and River Edge.

Those Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly.

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Marie Mitchell, Phyllis Thurlow, and Muriel Depken

Financial Steward: Jim Gwynne

Lay Eucharistic Minister:

Lector:

Ushers:

Acolytes: Teagan Bellito and Jason Demay

A Note about Today's Scripture Readings

Welcome to Annunciation, Oradell. We continue to read from the section of Matthew's Gospel, which deals with God's forgiveness and our role in extending His forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him. In a parable, Jesus explains that God's forgiveness of us lays on us the obligations to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally.

The first reading brings us to the most important event in the story of God and the people of Israel. God saved them from the Egyptian army at the sea. The people were led to safety and freedom. Jesus spoke of his own death and resurrection as his Exodus. We join him in that Exodus as God leads us to salvation through the waters of baptism.

In our final reading from Romans, Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other.

We are a community marked by faith and obedience to God's Word. Our life reflects our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints—we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God's love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

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Scripture for Coming Sundays

9/18 Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6 & 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

9/25 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4 & 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

10/2 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Announcements

9/14 Wednesday Focus: Ninian of Galloway – Missionary to Scotland [430]

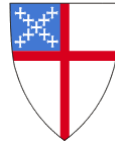
9/21 NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

9/28 Wednesday Focus: Michael and All Angels

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Proper 19

Year A



The Collect – Prayer Book page 233

The Old Testament 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.

The Response – Psalm 114 – Prayer Book page 756

The Epistle 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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

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."

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