



Making disciples who make disciples
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

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Next Parish Council Meeting

September 30, 2020

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church has returned to **public gathering** for our worship services as well as continuing the Facebook live streaming.
Worship begins at 11:30 a.m.

Fore Word — Sibling Rivalry Writ Large

This week's passage from the Old Testament demonstrates the importance of reading the Bible at home so we understand the background of the events mentioned on Sunday morning. In Genesis 50:15-21, we see that Joseph's brothers are worried that Joseph will do something horrible to them now that their father has died. We see something similar in our culture today, as siblings often argue and even sue each other after their parents die. Sometimes they're drawn closer, but often they're angry and do things they regret. So, it's understandable that the brothers here might sense a possibility that there may be some kind of falling out, but it can't be too bad, right?

And when the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hold a grudge against us and pay us back dearly for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph saying, "Your father commanded us before his death, saying, ¹⁷ "Thus you must say to Joseph, 'O, please now forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did evil to you.' So now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers went also and fell before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ Then Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you planned evil against me, but God planned it for good, in order to do this—to keep many people alive—as it is today. ²¹ So then, do

not be afraid. I myself will provide for you and your little ones. And he consoled them and spoke kindly to them. — Genesis 50:15–21 (LEB)

Joseph seems to be in a position of authority and power here, and he is. Actually, he is the number two guy in all Egypt; only Pharaoh was above him, which raises the question of how some Hebrew guy got a position like that. In learning about that, we also find out why Joseph might be perturbed at his brothers.

As a young boy, Joseph was spoiled by his dad who made an expensive colorful coat for him in a time and place where colored fabric was very expensive (dye was made by hand in a long process). Things like that tend to make the other siblings jealous. Joseph didn't help matters much by describing his dreams in which his brothers all bow down to him. His brothers decided to kill him after growing tired of constantly hearing about his dreams and seeing their father treat him blatantly as his favorite (which he was). So, they threw him into a dry well to die, but then changed their minds when they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites (descendants of Isaac's brother, Ishmael). Instead of killing him, they sold Joseph into slavery to them and told their father he was killed by a wild goat (apparently goats were more vicious in those days, or else they were just bad liars).

Joseph was then sold to an army officer in Egypt, whose wife falsely accused him of sexual assault when he rejected her advances. He was put in prison, and after a long while was released to appear before Pharaoh, who had heard that Joseph was really good at interpreting dreams (and Pharaoh had a whopper he wanted interpreted). Joseph interpreted the dream to mean Egypt would have an abundance of food for seven years and then a famine for seven. Pharaoh was impressed and put Joseph in charge of collecting food and storing it for the lean years, making Joseph the number two guy in the kingdom so no one could question his authority or refuse to comply with his orders.

When the famine hit, everyone in the region was out of food except Egypt, so they all would travel there to buy some. Joseph's brothers and father were out of food also, so their father, Jacob, sent them to Egypt to hopefully get some food.

When they were brought in to see the person who had the authority to grant their request, they didn't recognize it was Joseph, but he recognized them.

Now think about your own life. People you love have betrayed you (only someone you love can betray you; someone you hate is just behaving as you would expect—betrayal only happens when someone you love does what you don't expect). But I'm willing to bet they didn't throw you into a well, sell you into slavery, get you put in prison for a crime you didn't commit, or lie about you being killed by livestock from a petting zoo.

Whatever this person did to you, when you saw them again, did you run to them and wrap your arms around them and cry tears of joy to be reunited? Or did you refuse to even talk to that person ever again and take them off your Christmas card list?

Is there anyone in your life who did something to you that is worse than what Joseph's brothers did to him? Is there someone who has done something less severe that you're still angry about?

We want revenge, not mercy, for the people who wrong us. We want them to suffer like we did when they hurt us. We don't like God's directive that vengeance is his prerogative, not ours. We know that he might forgive them, and that makes us even angrier. "They don't deserve mercy" we holler in our minds. And it's true; they don't. If they deserved it, it wouldn't be mercy.

Joseph sets an example for how God wants us to behave when our own brothers and sisters (biological or in Christ) hurt us. Reconciliation. We want to be reconciled with God despite our actions that the Bible says, "grieve his spirit." He tells us to forgive each other with the same enthusiasm we expect from him.

It's very simple. There's nothing complicated about "love one another" (John 15:12), or "forgive others for their sins against you" (Matt 6:14). Every one of Jesus' commands to us is simple. But none of them is easy, either.

Genesis 50 shows us an example of how God wants us to forgive. As those great American theologians, Sister Sledge, sang:

All of the people around us they say
Can they be that close?
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose.
We are family...

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin

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Praise, Praise, and Healing Service

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

On September 16th, our Wednesday Eucharist service will take on a new flavor. It will be a Prayer, Praise and Healing service including a testimony by Alan Kircher, live Gospel music and an opportunity for laying on of hands, individual healing prayer, and anointing (within COVID-19 restrictions). The service will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Our Bishop has asked us to be intentional in praying consistently for 2 people that at present, need to know the Lord Jesus in a more meaningful way. Please do this. Then pray for the Holy Spirit to alert you to who you should invite to our healing service. Printed invitations will be available. Every day, I pray at 10:02 in the morning for the Lord to send more harvesters into the fields of our world. I believe that now is the time for CTR to step out in faith.

Deacon Linda



Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7], 8-13;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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Those Who Serve (September 13)

Altar Guild ~ Jennifer Kircher

Usher ~ Jim Slater

Lessons ~ Connie Whitener

Prayers ~ Mary Sue Houston

Chalice ~ Mary Sue Houston & Sherri Wayman



Sunday, September 13

11:30a.m. Worship Service (In church and via Facebook)

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Job (via ZOOM)

Wednesday, September 16

2:00 p.m. Bible Study - Pauline Letters (Romans) (via ZOOM)

5:30 p.m. Prayer, Praise and Healing Service (In church & via Facebook)

Sunday, September 20

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (In church and via Facebook)



Prayer Requests

Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Scotty Haskell, St. Paul's Church (Payson, AZ), Christopher Randle, Diane Manning, Fr. Austin, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Alfredo & Lilian Campa, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Kate Campa, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Mickey Greenlund, Zachary, Kathy Watson, and Pray for the World.

If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

The Rev. Jerry and Sharon Bouck with Wendy, Rebecca and Andrew, Holy Redeemer, Tucson

The Rev. Peter and Julie Forbes, Kings Cross, Tucson (Oro Valley) AZ



CTR PRAYER PROJECT

Deuteronomy 8:2-You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness... that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Most of us feel as though 2020 has been a wilderness experience. We've been traversing uncharted territory, not knowing which way to turn. We've been given several different maps, and don't know which one is correct. At times, we've felt lost and panicked. Depression is not uncommon. We've tried to do everything we've been instructed to do, but we've given in to the temptation to complain and

rebel. It hasn't been a full year yet, but try to imagine what it must have been like for the Israelites, wandering for 40 years! The first five books of the Bible, known to us as the Torah, contain 374 chapters, and only 64 of them take place outside the wilderness. Pastor Tim Smith (The Story of Us: The Exodus) says "the wilderness is a place where God makes things happen; it's a place where He does some of His best work. There are lesson upon lesson to be learned in the wilderness. Where there is no difficulty, there is no learning to draw upon God's resources {rather than our own}. What is God teaching us as we remain longer than we'd like in this wilderness of sorts? Today's Scripture tells us that the Israelites were led in the wilderness to teach them humility. Could God be teaching and testing us about this very important characteristic? As a nation, we've been blessed beyond belief. We are a wealthy and healthy nation. We are an educated and resourceful nation. But we are also a nation which increasingly sees no need for God. Government has stepped in and is providing all that God and His churches once provided. We have pride in our accomplishments, when most of those have been due to the providence of God. Could it be that God is allowing us to wander through uncharted territory to make us completely dependent on Him? Many of us have lost our businesses, our jobs, our freedoms, our ability to worship corporately, our human rights, our loved ones, and much more. Isn't it time for us to ask our Lord what He wants us to gain from this experience? Pastor Smith points out that "in school, you are taught a lesson and then given a test, but in life, you are given a test that teaches you a lesson". We're being tested. Will we pass?

Praying in One Accord-The test isn't over until we are in one accord with the lesson being taught.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, You were tested in the wilderness and placed Your complete faith and trust in our Heavenly Father; please help us learn what You are trying to teach us. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Heavenly Father, thank You for guiding us through this wilderness we are in; thank You for using this experience as an opportunity for us to humble ourselves before You, and to learn to trust You, depend on You, and seek Your help. Amen.



FREE Livestream Conference September 24-26, 2020

Equipped to Heal Ministry Team will partner with **Greenhouse Movement** and **Isaiah 40** to bring you a live interactive conference with our international team members to give you a taste of the Biblical teaching and insight that will help bring healing to those stuck in broken relationships, disordered passions, and unresolved emotions. We address many issues of sexual struggle in the hopes that God will restore each one of us as the holy man or holy woman that He created us to be. All our hope for wholeness, we set on the Risen Christ.

From the website

(www.greenhousemovement.com/heal)

With teaching, prayer, worship, and fellowship, we hope to offer space for everyone to draw closer to the healing presence of God. Check out the Website (listed above) for more information about the leaders and to register. **It's free.**

Leaders – Fr. Keith Hartsell, Fr. Alex and Tamara Cameron, Deacon Valerie McIntyre, Joe and Leslie Weinzettel, Deacon Carolyn Allen, Pastor Samuel Schleif, Robert Alexander Cager, Jose-David Cardozo, Keesha Mwangangi (pronounced: jawn -gawn-GHEE)

Topics for this Conference may include:

Practicing the Presence of Jesus, Listening Prayer & The Holy Imagination, The Call of Men: The True Masculine, The Call of Women: The True Feminine, Generational Sin Patterns, Healing Prayer Small Groups, Life in the Spirit, Redemptive Suffering, Self-Hatred & Shame, Codependency & Healthy Boundaries, Applying Forgiveness in the Healing of Memories, Ambivalence & Mistrust, The Sin of Ingratitude & the Power of Eucharisteo.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Slave

Matthew 18:21-35

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GROUND	HAPPENED	HEAVEN
IMPLORE	JESUS	LORD
MANY	MASTER	MERCY
PATIENT	PETER	REPAY
SAID	SETTLE	SEVEN
SEVENTY	SLAVE	THEN
THREW	TIMES	WANT