

Holy Eucharist

September 10, 2023

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Proper 18A: the 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

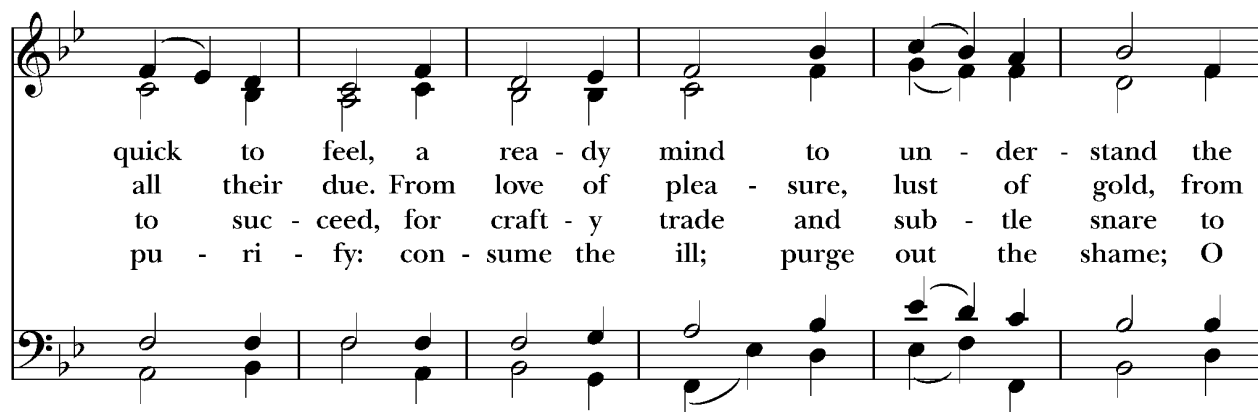
Opening Hymn

Hymnal 574

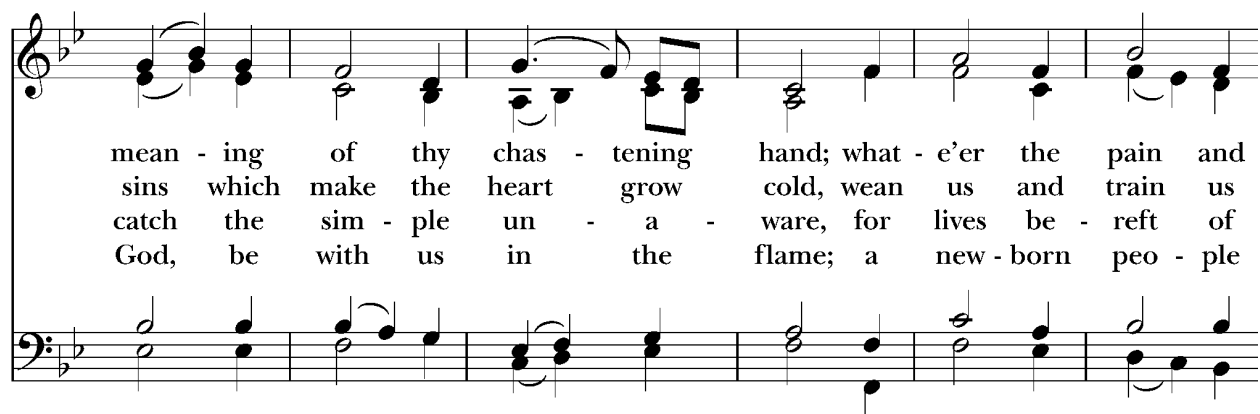
Before thy throne, O God, we kneel



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Presider Blessed be † the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following is sung, all standing as they are able

Song of Praise
Surely the presence

Chorus Book 104

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can
 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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 judgments: I am the LORD.
¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Reade The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

to be prayed responsively

¹Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; ***

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in his people ***

and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat ***

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

⁸**To bind their kings in chains ***

and their nobles with links of iron;

⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live

honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

All then stand as they are able.


Sequence Hymn
Just when I need him

LEVAS 82

1. Just when I need Him, Je - sus is near,
 4. Just when I need Him, He is my all,

1. Just when I fal - ter, just when I fear; Read - y to help me,
 4. An - swer - ing when up - on Him I call; Ten - der - ly watch - ing

1. read - y to cheer, Just when I need Him most. —
 4. lest I should fall, Just when I need Him most. —



Just when I need Him most, — Just when I need Him most; —
 Je-sus is near to com-fort and cheer, Just when I need Him most. —

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“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. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, 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. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Marion VanLoo

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, our Lord Jesus has promised that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray then, saying, “We are gathered in your name; accept our prayers.”

Intercessor O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other—especially when love is a challenge. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

O Lord, you are ruler of all things in heaven and earth. Hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Give to us all a burning heart for you and for our congregation. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and the embrace of the ministries with which you have gifted everyone. Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church.

Silence is kept

O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this festival today. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty. Accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings you give abundantly to us [especially_____]. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

O Lord, your Law is summarized, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Help us to love our neighbors so that we might do no wrong by anyone. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song—a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May [_____ and all] the ill and the anxious rest on their beds in peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection. May [_____ and] all who have died rest in your peace. We are gathered in your name; **accept our prayers.**

Silence is kept

Presider For what other people and situations shall we pray today?

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 neighbors 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.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

All then stand as they are able.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sibling, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

We glorify and enjoy you now and forever, gracious God, because you created the universe as your work of art, and set us in the midst of it.

When the canvas of your kindness was torn by our sin, you crafted a work of even more depth and beauty from the damage we had done. When your Son's body was scarred and pierced, you raised him to glorious life.

In your chosen people, you drew out a song of thankfulness and praise and, in your church, you give us voices to shout, and bodies to dance and sculpt and inscribe the wonders of your love.

And so we rejoice to join your church on earth, and all the company of heaven, as we lift our voices in your unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

We lift our hearts to you, Lord God, because you draw your whole creation into the celebration of your glory.

Send down your + Holy Spirit upon us now, that every part of every one of us might become an instrument of your peace.

Give us your very self in these + gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

God of justice, make us a prophetic people, whose every work and every act is a proclamation of the new order found in you, and worthy of your kingdom.

Holy God, make us a priestly people, whose lives are so transparent with your truth that we become a place of encounter between you and your beloved children.

Reigning God, make us a kingly people, whose hearts are filled with worship and wonder, and who seek to bring every one of your gifts to fruition in the power of your Spirit.

We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever.
AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after the table has been cleared.

Communion Hymn

to be sung through three times

WLP 825

Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God ... y name.

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the + Holy eternal Majesty, the Holy incarnate Word, and the Holy abiding Spirit,
bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un-der-stand.
 4 ceive, and in for-giv-ing are for-given.

Dismissal

Minister And now, my brothers and sisters, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out in peace to love and serve our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

September 10 The Church of Ireland

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

September 10 St Mary’s-in-the-Hills, Lake Orion; Trinity Church, Farmington Hills

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Lynn, Cynthia, Martin

and our continuing prayers for: Bob, Carlos, Jim M, Mardi, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action continues to provide leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They remain in need of our support and help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is NEXT WEEK, **September 17**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

Sep 10	Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898
11	Harry Thacker Burleigh: Composer, 1949
12	John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830
13	Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258; and, John Chrysostom: Bishop of Constantinople, 407
14	Holy Cross Day
15	Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258; and, James Chisholm: Priest, 1855
16	Ninian, Bishop, c. 430

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Exodus 12:1-14

Not only are there cooking directions, there's even a dress code, and disposal instructions. Sandals on, loins girded and a staff in hand – seems like an easy enough outfit to throw together. All the leftovers needing to be burned is also a cinch, since that's what will happen if I'm roasting *anything* over a fire. Further instructions make it clear that the food must be eaten in haste, much like a teenager after football practice. All the old jokes about the Episcopalian who used the wrong salad fork are thrown out. There are no salad forks for this meal. In fact, there aren't any forks at all. This recipe is certainly for an extraordinary circumstance. That is, the circumstance of getting out of Dodge fast. The original diners were getting out of town to end their long enslavement to the Egyptians. The people of God were to mark their own doors, lest the Lord kill their firstborn along with the Egyptian firstborn.

Suddenly, my comedic musings on this passage grind to a halt. The lamb must be killed, and its blood used to mark the doorposts of each Israelite home so that the Lord would pass over as he struck down the firstborn children and animals in Egypt. This would be a night of death and destruction, of plague and sorrow. The fury of the Lord will rain down on the land of Egypt while the people of God sheltered in their homes, quickly eating a roast lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Then, when the aftermath of the death and destruction turned each Egyptian home into a morgue, they would slip away into the desert.

The Passover was a feast that commemorates a violent event after a series of violent events in Egypt. As we have learned from our own nation's history, human slavery does not just fade away with time and good intentions. Slavery is maintained by violence and usually comes to a violent end. The command to remember the slavery and to remember God's deliverance is a way to remember God's grace and deliverance.

- Do you remember a time when you felt delivered from a place of hardship? How do you commemorate that deliverance?

Psalm 149

This psalm captures the crazy exuberance that is possible for the people of God. The joy in this psalm is shared by the whole community. This is not private revelry; everyone is involved.

Music abounds, and everyone whirls around, dancing. The whole community is singing at the top of its lungs when we notice a peculiar thing about the choir. Everyone in the choir is holding a two-edged sword. They have swords to execute judgment on oppressive kings.

This psalm reminds me of the *Magnificat*, in which Mary sings that God raises up the lowly and pushes down the proud. In Psalm 149, it is the festive choir that introduces God's justice in the world.

All this leads me to conclude that the praise and worship that we do on Sunday cannot be disconnected from what God is doing in the world throughout the week. God's interest in justice flows from the praises of his people. For me, this helps connect my worship with real, practical problems in the world that God is moving to fix.

- What are some of the issues in the world where we can see God's justice?
- How is your worship of God moving you toward seeing the world's inequalities?

Romans 13:8-14

Before he became a follower of Jesus, the great father of the church, St. Augustine, read these words of St. Paul. After reading them, he shut the book, then he observed, "By a light as it were of serenity infused into my heart, all the darkness of doubt vanished away."

I confess that I had a different reaction to these words in Romans. My reading of this passage, at first glance, made me feel like the apostle is chiding me about how I spend my free time in the evenings. I confess that his words seem to be rather meddlesome, even 2,000 years after they were written.

How could this rather negative message be to St. Augustine a message of light and serenity? Perhaps I should remind myself that the power of the Holy Spirit is always to bring the right word at the right time. For St. Augustine, these were the right words for that moment.

Perhaps they are the right words for our moment, too. We are reminded in these verses that "salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers." Every time we move toward the light of God, we are moving deeper into the Kingdom of God. We are easily distracted by the neon lights that signal the presence of what tourist brochures call "nightlife," but we never mistake neon lights for the sun.

For Paul, it is still night, but the dawn is almost here. Get ready, he says, to live the way we will live for eternity, in the light and warmth of God.

- What are the worthwhile pursuits of life that you might be missing by staying up too late? What distracts you from being a light to a dark world?

Matthew 18:15-20

"Mr. Peters, we apologize for your long wait at the front desk. In order to keep your loyalty here at our hotel we would like to offer you a complimentary three-night stay at any of our worldwide locations. We will also throw in a couple of spa passes and trays of chocolate-covered strawberries." Indeed, these are words I always like to hear. I also like to hear that I'm getting a big refund from the IRS. What I don't like to hear is that I sinned against someone. I don't like it one bit. I'd much rather talk about something else.

One of the most unpleasant activities in human life is confrontation. Especially when a relationship is at stake. I can come up with a million excuses to put off and avoid confrontation with someone who is hurting me or my community. Jesus clearly states that the responsibility to confront lies with the person who is offended. The community is slowly drawn in to the controversy, but not too soon.

The goal of this confrontation is to “gain your brother.” The goal is always reconciliation. Even when a member is declared a gentile and tax collector, the goal is reconciliation.

How does Jesus treat tax collectors and gentiles? He engages them with truth and love. In fact, Matthew, the traditional author of this gospel, was a tax collector. Jesus called Matthew just like he calls all of us. He calls us to a ministry of reconciliation, even when it’s difficult and painful.

I have observed confrontation many times, and I can report that the goal of the confrontation was rarely restoration and reconciliation. Too often the goal of the confrontation was to initiate a separation so everyone could go on with their lives.

Reconciliation is difficult. The cross, the ultimate symbol of reconciliation, stands before us and behind us as we pick up the phone and ask if we can meet to talk about something that happened.

- Can you think of an example of a confrontation that resulted in reconciliation? What are some practical steps to take that may result in reconciliation after confrontation?

This Bible study was written by David Peters.

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SUPPORT THE HAWAI‘I FIRE RESPONSE WHAT YOU CAN DO



Episcopal Relief & Development is in frequent communication with the [Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i](#), providing needs assessment support and other assistance on Maui and other islands in [response](#) to the recent deadly wildfires.

The Diocese of Hawai‘i has been working with the local government, faith groups and local nonprofits including [A Cup of Cold Water](#) to feed displaced people, provide medical and pastoral care and give support as people fill out forms for assistance.

A Cup of Cold Water, a ministry formed by several Episcopal churches on Hawai‘i, is a van ministry that serves unhoused people and other people affected by poverty. The ministry provides food, clothing and hygiene products throughout the island.

In solidarity with the local government and people, Episcopal Relief & Development is strongly encouraging people who live in the continental United States to not travel to Hawai'i or send in-kind donations at this time. Instead, please [pray](#) with the people of Hawai'i as they grieve and consider making a donation to the [Hawai'i Emergency Response Fund](#) that will support the wildfires response work.

[ACCESS RESOURCES](#)

Please contact engagement@episcopalrelief.org with any questions.
Blessings,
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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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