# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 5, 2021



## 7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Children are always welcome in the church. Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.

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## The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

#### **Prelude**

Opening Hymn 8

Morning has broken

Bunessan

#### **Opening Acclamation**

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever.

The Celebrant says:

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.** 

Gloria in Excelsis (insert in Hymnal)

Powell

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.** 

#### First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 125

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \* which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \* so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \* so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \* and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \* but peace be upon Israel.

#### The Second Reading

James 2:1-17

Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 53 Once H

Once He Came in Blessing

Gottes Sohn ist Kommen

The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Ralph Moore

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

## Prayers of the People

Leader: We are invited to serve the needs of all, but we require God's assistance. Let us turn our hearts to God, asking for help in our need.

All: Lord hear our prayer..

That leaders of the church will freely serve the faithful, without preference to rank or authority, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer...

That among the people of the world service will take precedence over authority, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer...

That the many people of the world will serve the needs of others and will comfort the anxieties of all, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer..

That the victims of oppression, abuse, or neglect will discover the peace of God through others' assistance, prayer and presence, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer..

For all who suffer especially..., we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer...

That the community gathered here will nourish others, sustained by Christ, risen from the dead, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer..

*Celebrant:* God of justice, Lord of love, send your Spirit to dwell within us, sustaining our efforts of service; we ask this in Jesus' name, who lives forever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Announcements and Birthdays

Birthday Prayer (please change pronouns as necessary)

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as her days increase. Bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands, comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful, raise her up if she fall. And in her heart, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Offertory

Offertory Anthem Green Pastures Jeff Conrad, soloist

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3)

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (insert in Hymnal) Powell Hymnal S129

Celebrant and People (See insert in pew)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continue

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

#### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem (insert in Hymnal)

Powell

Hymnal S163

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died of us, and feed upon them in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### The Communion

## **Communion Voluntary**

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing Priest blesses the people.

Dismissal Hymn 699

Jesus lover of my soul

Aberystwith

**Benediction** 

Irish Blessing by Howard Walen

Jeff Conrad, soloist

#### The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Ralph Moore

**Deacon:** The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass

Organist: Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

## 7:30 am Liturgy

Lay Readers Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle Prayers of the People Terry Mello LEM Shirley Fiero Ushers Carlos Mello

#### 10:00 am Liturgy

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