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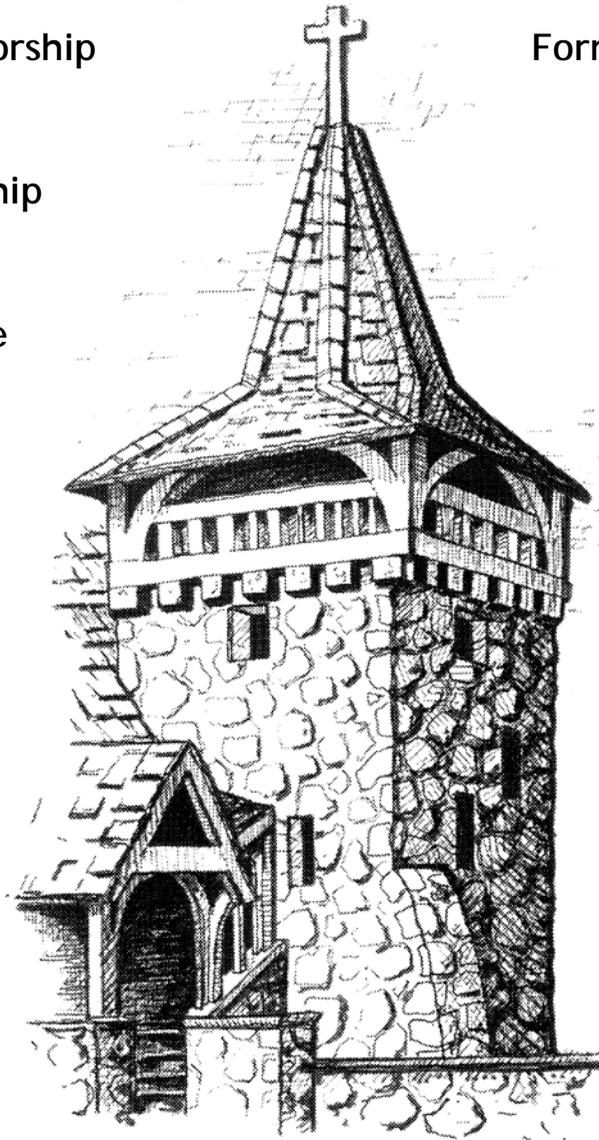
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# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. The offertory hymn can be found in Hymnal 1985, and the text will be shared on Zoom.*

### The Word of God

**Prayer Book page # 355**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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 said by all.* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

**Prayer Book page # 356**

**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

**Prayer Book page # 232**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The first lesson, the psalm, and the second lesson will be read today by Rob Stockly. The texts of the readings will be shared on Zoom.*

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

***A Reading from the Book of Exodus (14:19-31)***

*The psalm will be read in unison*

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \* the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \* and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \* Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \* and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \* O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \* you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \* and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-12)***

*Then the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21-35)***

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

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

*The Rev'd Joshua McGuffie*

**The Nicene Creed**

**Prayer Book page # 358**

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book page # 392

*The Deacon and People pray responsively*

*Deacon:* As we proclaim the gospel of faith, let us pray in the Spirit for the many needs of all peoples. For this holy gathering, for the people of God in every place, and for all who seek the Lord.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples. For a spirit of forbearance in this world and an end to war, especially in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, and Israel and Palestine. For the leaders of the nations, and for all who make decisions on behalf of others.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For all schools and colleges, for all students and teachers, and all those who have been or will be returning to their studies, either remotely or in person.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For abundant fruits of the earth, and for relief from fire, drought and disaster.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For the sick and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_, for travelers and those on vacation, prisoners, captives, and their families, for the members of the military, especially \_\_\_\_, and all those in danger and need.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For our city, for John our Mayor, and all those who live here and close by, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and for all the blessings of this life.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* For those who rest in Christ, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and for all the dead.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* Lifting our voices with all creation, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **God of love, hear our prayer.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, God of Israel, whose words are spirit and life. Hear the prayers we offer this day and feed us with the bread of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Deacon:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People:*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.*

The Peace

Prayer Book page # 360

## The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. Fr. Michael will make a few announcements. During the Offertory, Dr. Debora Huffman and her daughter Monica will offer a hymn - # 376 HYMN TO JOY – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.*

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant says* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift 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*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a proper preface is said.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*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**

**Prayer Book page # 364**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said*

*Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us! Therefore let us keep the Feast! Alleluia!*

**Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation**

In place of the Invitation ("The gifts of God..."), the following Prayer of Spiritual Communion, is recommended:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**

**(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)**

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

*Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! *People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*Please join us for fellowship during our virtual coffee hour on Zoom.*

*A Service of Communion under Special Circumstances will be held for individuals or households on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. Please call the Parish office to set the time you'd like to be greeted. If your work schedule conflicts, please contact Father Bamberger for another option.*

# Announcements for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sunday, 7:30 am (in person/outside) & 9:00 a.m (Via Zoom and Facebook Live); Thursday, 7:00a.m. (on hiatus)

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP is on hiatus.**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES MEETS BETWEEN SERVICES is on hiatus.**

*Between the Masses may meet on Zoom*

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Exodus 16:2-51 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018):

**9/14 – The Feast of the Holy Cross** 9/15 - **Catherine of Genoa** (*Mystic and Nurse, 1510*) 9/16 – **Ninian** (*Bishop in Galway, c.430*) 9/17 - **Hildegard of Bingen** (*Mystic and Scholar, 1179*) 9/18 – **Edward Bouverie Pusey** (*Priest, 1882*) 9/19 – **Theodore of Tarsus** (*Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*);

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski  
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

*Director of Music and Organist:* Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Verger:* Mr. Michael Beach; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson; *Diocesan Discerner:* Mr. Keiichi Matsumoto

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