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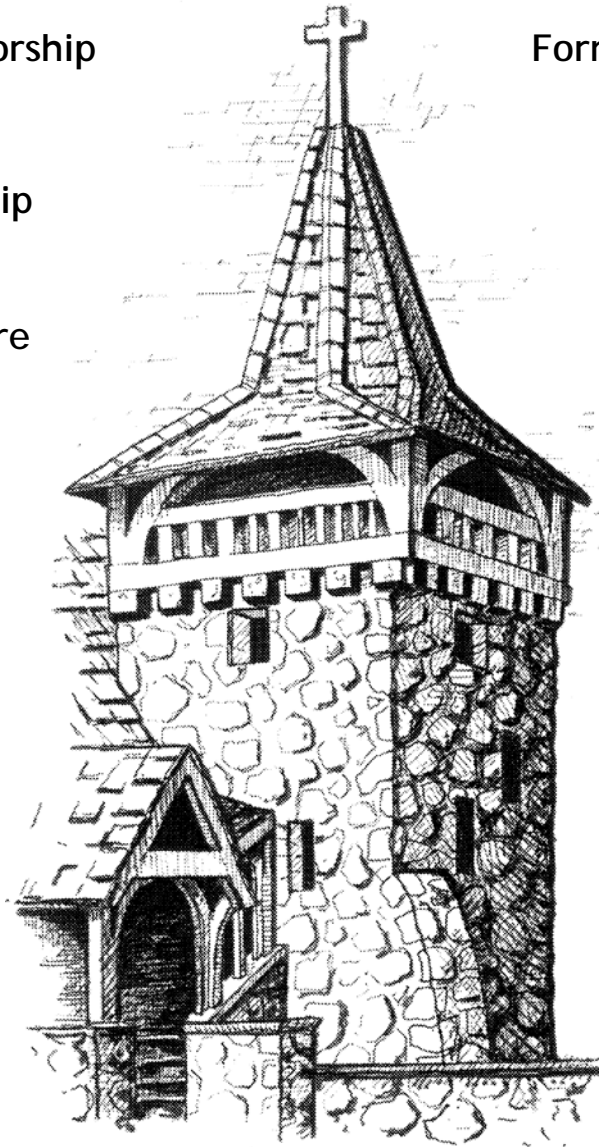
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# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal, or for hymns 721 – 906 in the green hymnal supplement – Wonder, Love & Praise.*

Voluntary: Nimrod – from The Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar

Choral Voluntary: Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Parry

*The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing*

**The Processional Hymn No. 390**

LOBE DEN HERREN

## The Word of God

**Prayer Book page # 355**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 hymn is sung, all standing* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (*Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-278”*)

**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 # 234**

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

## ***A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (8:18-9:1)***

***The Gradual Psalm 79:1-9 Deus, venerunt***

**Prayer Book page # 701**

*The congregation is invited to sing the psalm with the choir in Anglican Chant.*

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \* an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? \* will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob \* and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake

## ***A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1-7)***

*The People stand and sing*

**The Sequence Hymn No. 601**

ST. MICHAEL

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

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1-13)***

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

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

## **The Sermon**

*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

*The prayers are led today by a deacon. The deacon and People pray responsively,*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them. **Heal us.**

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them. **Forgive us.**

We pray for all those affected by flooding, wildfires, and other disasters, and for the rescue crews and for all those who have volunteered in the monumental task of reconstruction and rebuilding. **Have mercy.**

We pray for healing for \_\_\_\_\_, and their loved ones; Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *The people may add their own thanksgivings or petitions either silently or aloud.*

For all who through illness, disaster, or through their own or others' actions are deprived of the fullness of life; especially prisoners, refugees, the handicapped and all who are sick. **Hear us.**

We pray today for all those who serve our community, our country and all of God's creation, including those in the armed forces, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and their loved ones; those in civil service, medical science, social and relief work and for all who minister in your Church. We thank you for the men and women who have served to make this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them. **Inspire us.**

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light. **Enlighten us.**

We give thanks for those visiting with us today, and we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week \_\_\_\_\_: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again. **Renew us.**

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Lord use us.**

Give to the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_, your eternal rest; **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

# The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be sung:*

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune”

R. Vaughan Williams

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following*

Refrain  
Congregation

(Organ) All things come of Thee, O Lord,  
and of Thine own have we giv - en Thee. CHOIR:  
Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy  
and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual  
worship.  
(Organ) Congregation  
repeat Refrain

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-120”)*

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a proper preface is sung.*) Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-128”)*

**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 remain standing, 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: *(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-135”)*

*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*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-119”)*

**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

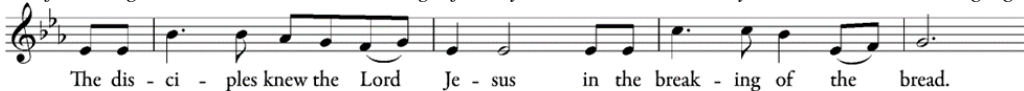
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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung*

*(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-152”)*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung – first by the cantor, and then by the cantor and the congregation*



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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. (Please keep in mind that our chalices are made of precious metals which have an anti-microbial quality. Also, we use sacramental wine which is higher in alcohol content. After each person receives, the chalice is turned and wiped with the linen called a purificator.) A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruet. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

**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)

*After Communion, the people stand and sing*

**Hymn No. 676**

BALM IN GILEAD

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Prayer Book page # 365**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 people then stand and sing*

**The Final Hymn No. 408**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: “Improvisation on God Save the Queen”

Robert Williamson

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.*

*Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.*

### The Angelus

∇. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary,   ℞. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.\* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

∇. See the handmaid of the LORD.   ℞. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greetings, gracious Mary; ....

∇. And the Word was made flesh.   ℞. And dwelt among us.

Greetings, gracious Mary; .....

∇. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.   ℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Altar Flowers are given this week by Beverly Clifton in memory of Beverly Blackford.*

*Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour following both services.*

# Announcements for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 18, 2022

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Corfu Restaurant, located at 48 West Sierra Madre Blvd., here in town. Please RSVP to Lynne Holl at [pugowners@roadrunner.com](mailto:pugowners@roadrunner.com) or Lynne's cell phone # 626-437-8219. All are welcome.

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person in the Parish Hall. The group usually meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sunday, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursday, 8:15a.m.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):  
**9/19–Theodore of Tarsus** (*Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*); **9/20–John Coleridge Patteson & his Companions** (*Bishop of Melanesia, Martyrs, 1871*); **9/21 – St. Matthew the Apostle** **9/22 - Philander Chase** (*Bishop of Ohio and Illinois, 1852*)

**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:* Mr. Robert Williamson; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Cameron Cox; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson

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