

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 15

August 15, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 433 – “We Gather Together”

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Opening Sentence

Officiant You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

The Officiant continues

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

All **Amen.**

Invitatory

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Jubilate *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

All **Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

All **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

All **Alleluia.**

Psalm 34:9-14 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

All **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Officiant Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

All **Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Officiant Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

All **Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.**

First Reading **Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

All **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.**

Officiant Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

All **And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Officiant Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

All **Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.**

Officiant Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading **Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Canticle 13: A Song of Praise *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

All **Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Officiant Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

All **Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Officiant Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

All **Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel **John 6:51-58**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

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Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

All **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.**

Suffrages A

Reader Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Reader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Reader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Reader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Reader Let your way be known upon earth;
All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Reader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Reader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Living Hope” Phil Wickham

Collect

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

Reader Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Intercessory Prayers

Reader We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, David, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, and Dorothy.

Reader We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Kathryn, Paul, Elmira, George, Sidnea, John, Kate, Aaron, Margaret, Warren, Bertha, Minerva, Daniel, Evan, and Sara.

Officiant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

Officiant Are there any other prayer requests for birthdays, travel, etc?

Officiant prays for any prayer requests

All Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 460 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
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Alleluia! his the triumph,
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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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