

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 18

September 5, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 427 (v. 1-3 and 5) – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare with:
Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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.**

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.'

All **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Officiant For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

All **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***
and the heights of the hills are his also.

Officiant The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

All **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant For he is our God, and we are the people
of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

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

All **Alleluia.**

Psalm 146 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

All **Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

Officiant When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

All **Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

Officiant Who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

All **Who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

Officiant The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

All **The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

Officiant The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All **The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

First Reading **Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12-III: A Song of Creation

(said responsively by whole verse)

Officiant Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Officiant Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Officiant Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

All **In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Officiant 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 James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. 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 fulfil 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 judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

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 God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Officiant O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

All **Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

Officiant Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All **All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

Officiant 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.

The Gospel **Mark 7:24-37**

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

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

From there he 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 Syrophenician 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.'

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The Sermon.....Ginnie Glassman

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 B

Reader Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
All **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
Reader Day by day we bless you;
All **We praise your name for ever.**
Reader Lord, keep us from all sin today;
All **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
Reader Lord, show us your love and mercy;
All **For we put our trust in you.**
Reader In you, Lord, is our hope;
All **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “10,000 Reasons” Matt Redman

Collect

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

Reader O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; 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 Harriet, Lyman, Alex, Antoinette, Edward, Darwin, Dorothy, Huldah, Isaac, Lorenzo, James, Henry, Edward, Raymond, Fran, Alice, Raymond, and Robert.

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.**

Announcements

**Sept. 18th
1pm-3pm** **Unlimited Ice Cream, Outdoor Games, and Music Fundraiser!**
Help us raise money to support the children who attend The EVE Foundation, a school for blind children in Kenya. We're also collecting arts and craft supplies for the children who attend St. Paul's Child Care Center in Bridgeport.
Click this link for more details and to purchase tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/164511697917>.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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 708 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus! Blessèd Jesus!
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**