



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# HOLY EUCHARIST

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— Opening Hymn —

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee | Hymnal #376*

(while congregational singing is not allowed within the church at this time, we invite you to read the words and reflect on their meaning)

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.***

***All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.***

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

— Opening —

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

— Kyrie —

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*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.  
*People* ***Christe eleison.***  
*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.

— the Collect of the Day —

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

*Celebrant*            O God, because without you we are not able to please you,  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and  
rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

— Reading: Romans 14:1-12 —

1 Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. 2 One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). 5 One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions. 6 Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. 7 We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. 9 This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God. 11 Because it is written,

As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me,

and every tongue will give praise to God.

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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

— Psalm 114 —

***Hallelujah!***

***When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,***

***Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.***

***The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.***

***The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.***

***What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?***

***You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?***

***Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,***

***Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.***

— the Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 —

***Reader***                      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

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

21 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. 23 Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. 25 Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. 26 But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be

patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' 27 The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

28 "When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

29 "Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' 30 But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

31 "When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. 32 His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. 33 Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' 34 His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

35 "My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Reader  
People*

The Gospel of the Lord  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

— Sermon —

*The Rev'd Liz Emblar-Beazley*

— 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 —**

*Reader*  
**People**

Let us pray.  
***Kyrie, eleison***

*Fabian, the Williams family, Ben, Henry, Phil, Noah, Stephen, Harris, the Barousse family, Ann, Gerald, Tom, Earlyn, Bryson, Clyde, Zina, Henry, Susan, Christina, Harlon, Jack, Ehren, Jane, Sheila, Heather, Jim & Deborah, Mike, Kylie, Chad, Harold, Ken & Donna; Jessica, Brian, Max & Ian; Kay, Judy, Tory, Ruth, Helen, Devin, Phil, Elsa, Phillip, Anna, Pam, Mary, Vic, Claire, Paul, Sue, Delores, Jean, Ryan, Patrick, Brent, Jack, Shelly, Riley, Judson, Chris, Robert, Catherine, Nelda, Ted, Nancy, Margaret, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Jesse, Audrey, Harvey, Jan & Ralph, Eugene, Nan, August, Patti, Nathaniel, Kathleen, Emily & Tara, Rosemary, and Larry & Carl and all those who are ill with COVID-19.*

**— Confession of Sin —**

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*Celebrant*

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.***

*Celebrant*

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

— the Peace —

*Socially distant/virtual exchange of the peace*

— Announcements —

— Offertory Hymn —

*Lord, I want to shine | Lindy Hearne and Lynn Dutter Addler*

(while congregational singing is not allowed within the church at this time, we invite you to read the words and reflect on their meaning)

**Lord, I want to shine like a star in the universe  
Lord, I want to be as bright as a light in the night  
Lord, I want to do my part, since you came into my heart  
Lord, I want to shine**

**When the night drags on, and I toss till dawn  
And my life has been like a shadow  
Then your love shines through, like the morning light  
On the road that I should follow**

**Lord, I want to shine like a star in the universe  
Lord, I want to be as bright as a light in the night  
Lord, I want to do my part, since you came into my heart  
Lord, I want to shine**

**You've had nights like mine, in another time  
When the world has misunderstood you  
But your love was true, and your light shined through  
Oh, Lord, let my light shine, too!**

**Lord, I want to shine like a star in the universe  
Lord, I want to be as bright as a light in the night  
Lord, I want to do my part, since you came into my heart  
Lord, I want to shine**



— the Great Thanksgiving —  
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*Celebrant*  
**People**  
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**People**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**All**

**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.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with \_\_\_ and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

**— the Lord's Prayer —**  
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*Celebrant*                    And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

**— a note about Communion —**

*Please maintain physical distance of at least 6 ft. from the person in front of you when you come forward to collect your Communion cup and remember to sanitize your hands first. Family groups may come forward together. Parents, please assist children by taking a cup for them. Bring your Communion cup back to your pew with you. Once everyone has come forward, the priest will direct everyone to consume the bread at the same time.*

*Though we are only able to receive communion in one kind at this time, our tradition assures us this is acceptable. Reception in one kind confers all the benefits of receiving in both kinds.*

*For those worshipping with us today, either in person or online, who are unable or unprepared to receive at this time, be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. To aid you in experiencing God's grace more directly in these circumstances this prayer for spiritual communion may be helpful:*

**— a Prayer for Spiritual Communion —**  
*written by Teresa Berger*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and

ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

— **Communion Hymns** —

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*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven | Hymnal #410*

***Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.***

***Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in this faithfulness.  
Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.***

***Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.***

*Go forth for God; go to the world in peace | Hymnal #347*

***Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.***

***Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.***

***Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.***

***Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.***

**— Post Communion Prayer —**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***All*** ***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**— Blessing —**

**— Closing Hymn —**

*Now thank we all our God | Hymnal #397*

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***Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

***O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.***

***All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.***

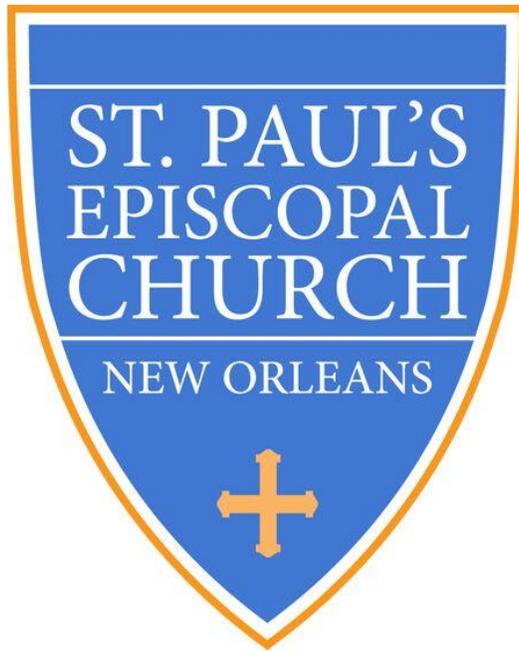
— Dismissal —

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

*We are grateful that you joined us for worship today. Please remember that the congregation will be dismissed from the back of the church to the front and please maintain proper distancing as you leave.*

*Music | Matt Wood, piano; Sophie Tompkins, cantor; Benjamin Thacher, violinist*



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