

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Let us prepare for worship by quieting ourselves and turning our focus to God.

Opening Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

H518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Opening Acclamation:

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Gloria

S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: 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 First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Amos

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 113

¹ Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

² Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁶ He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

⁷ He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

⁸ He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader: A Reading from 1st Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

Sequence Hymn

On Christ the Solid Rock

LEVAS 99

Before Gospel: Verse 1-2 After Gospel: Verse 3-4

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

1. right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But
 2. chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, My
 3. whelm - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, he
 4. Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

1. whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 2. an - chorholds with - in the veil. On Christ, the so - lid Rock, I stand, All
 3. then is all my hope and stay.
 4. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because

you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Katherine Dougherty

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

Let us pray for the world and the Church

*In the silence following each prayer the people may add their prayers
either silently or aloud.*

That we may live in unity, peace, and concord,
Lord, have mercy.

Upon all who suffer from dissensions and distrust,
Christ, have mercy.

That all who lead the nations of our world may seek peace and lead with compassion,
Lord, have mercy.

Come, Lord, into our hearts,
and fill them with love.

Come, Lord, into our minds,
and fill them with peace.

Come, Lord, into our lives,
and fill them with light,

Come, Holy Spirit, to all who are suffering, in body, mind, and spirit,
and fill us with your hope and healing.

We pray for those who are need of our prayers: *Jack C.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Andrew P.; David P.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttle Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; farmers struggling to harvest their crops and for their workers who have disappeared; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church*

We pray for all who grieve, and for those who have died.

**All: God be in my head, and in my understanding.
 God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
 God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
 God be at my end, and at my departing.**

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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

Celebrant: The Peace of God be always with you

People: *And also with you.*

The Announcements

The Holy Communion

Choir Anthem *Open My Eyes to Meet Your Gaze*

Miriam Endersby & Kristina Arakelyan Words & Music 2022 Multitude of Voices

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW1

Celebrant: All things come of thee oh God

***People:* and of thine own have we given thee.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant

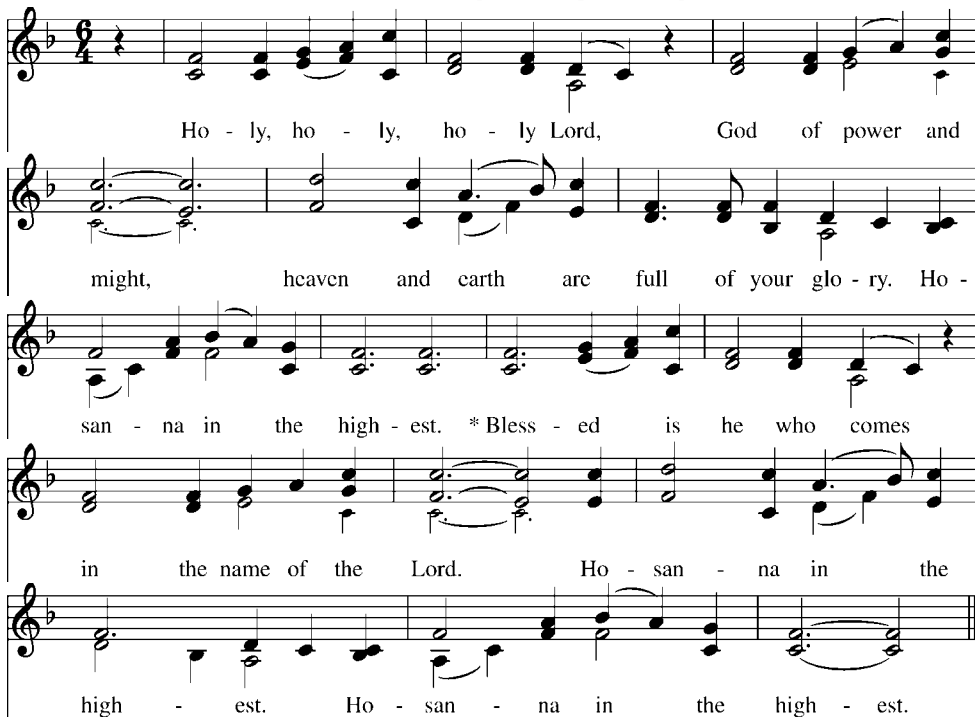
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy

WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner harm. Annael Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Great Amen

sung by the congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
***People:* therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction Anthem

WLP 875

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
The dis -

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

***For those worshipping online, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is below the Communion Music.**

*The people attending in-person may be seated.

Communion Hymn God of Mercy, God of Grace

H538

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -
face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry
Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -
tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

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Communion Hymn Seek Ye First

H711

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948, Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Irregular; Karen Lafferty, b.1948
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The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those worshipping online, The Prayer of Spiritual Communion is offered below. As the Communion Hymns are sung, we invite you to say the words of this prayer either aloud or silently. Through the words of this prayer, "all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth..." (BCP p. 457).

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of life. Though we do not consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray

**All: God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord

H390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

We are now sent forth to share God's love and light with the world.
Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened
you for service, and filled you with grace.



Together We Respond to God, Love One Another, and Serve in Faith

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

Jack C.; Debbie; Monique; Beth H.; Donna B.; Michelle W.; Margaret M. & Family; Debby M.; Susan B.; Nancy, Paige, Claire S.; Rick M; Sherrian B.; Bryan & Terrena H.; Andrew P.; David P.; Casey; Cayson and Kamden; Ann M.; Mike C.; The Stewart-Nuttle Family; Violet; Roger B.; Shelly; Briton; farmers struggling to harvest their crops and for their workers who have disappeared; immigrants and those in danger; people impacted by war; Pastor Marlene Fuller & the congregation of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; Pastor Ryan & the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church

Are you visiting or in search of a church home?

We are so glad you are here with us today!

All Souls Episcopal Church is a loving, inclusive, and fun community of people walking together as we work to grow closer to God, to one another, and to our neighbors.

Please let us know you are visiting by saying "Hi" and by filling out a *Getting to Know You Card* at The Welcome Table.



Come Join in PRIDE Fest 2025

All Souls Folks are invited to attend the
annual events for Pride Fest in Richmond!
September 26th & 27th

PRIDE EUCHARIST on 9/26 at Grace & Holy Trinity (8 N Laurel St, next to Monroe Park) at 6pm, reception to follow.

PRIDE FEST 2025 on 9/27 at Midtown Green (2401 W Leigh St, RVA) from 12pm to 6pm

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10:30am