



St. John's Episcopal Church
Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Magnificat on the Vth Tone*

Heinrich Scheidemann (1596-1663)

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand to sing the

Opening Hymn #596 *Judge eternal, throned in splendor*

KOMM, O KOMM DU GEIST DES LEBENS

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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 S-280

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

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

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Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

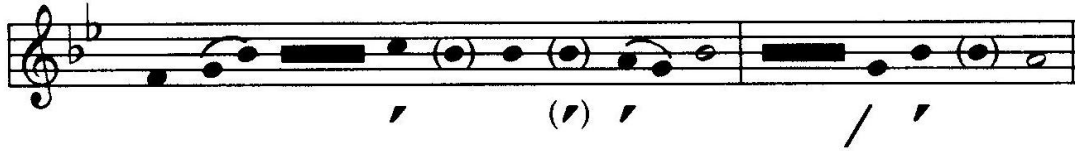
Presider Let us pray.

The First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

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

Psalm 113 *Laudate, pueri* *Tone III.4*



***1 Hallēlujah!**

Give praise, you sérvants of thĕ LORD; *
praise the Name / of thĕ LORD.

2 Let the Náme of the LÓRD bĕ blessed, *
from this time forth / for évermore.

3 From the rising of the sún to its góing down *
let the Name of the / LORD bé praised.

4 The LORD is hĭgh above áll nătions, *
and his glory / abóve the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who síts enthroned ón high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens / and thĕ earth?

6 He takes up the wéak out óf thĕ dust *
and lifts up the poor from / the áshes.

7 He sĕts them with thĕ prĭnces, *
with the princes of / his péople.

8 He makes the woman óf a chĭdlĕss house *
to be a joyful mother / of chĭldren. [Ant.]

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

Sequence Hymn #488 *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

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*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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Presider The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Following the Gospel

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rector

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Lyn, Megan, Markus, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, John and Renee;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

Offertory Hymn #475 God Himself is with us

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During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.

Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues, concluding with:

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:

The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

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 Presider continues to give thanks, and invites all to join in

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues praying, concluding with

Presider 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.

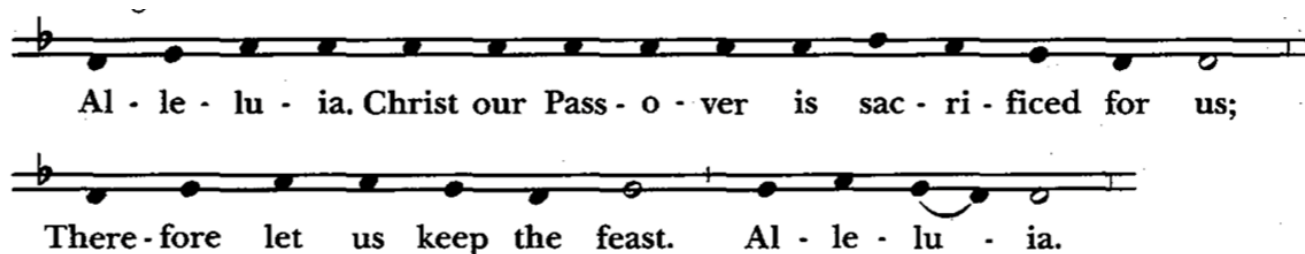
All **AMEN.**

Presider 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Communion Anthem *From the rising of the sun* F. A. G. Ousley (1825-1889)

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #594 *God of grace and God of glory*

CWM RHONDDA

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

The flowers on the altar today were arranged by Sarah DeCristoforo

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Paul Tompros, Vestry Person of the Day

Tommy Bresler and Shannon Fry, Readers

Kate Gunsch, Intercessor

Bridget Nyhan, Chalice

Catherine Womack and Nate Gunsch, Ushers

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Jane Struss, Jake Sterling and Alice Krapf, Coffee Hour Hosts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School classes have begun! Godly Play is available for children ages 3 to 9. Ms. Nancy teaches this group in the room adjacent to the nursery. Older children are invited to join our “Living the Good News” class on the comfy couches in the upstairs parish hall. There will also be opportunities for older kids to serve as acolytes on Sundays during the year.

Congregation members of every age are always welcome in the sanctuary for worship. Childcare is available in the nursery to care for little ones as needed – for part or all of the morning.

Every Thursday, all are invited to join the Rector for conversation in the Parish House. Friends gather from 11am to noon to read and discuss next Sunday’s Gospel reading. All are welcome.

For your Fall calendar

Saturday, December 13--Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21--Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service.

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Mr. Brian O'Neill, Sexton

Mr. Matt Hast and Mr. Simon Ringrose, Wardens