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The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist – Rite II
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022 10:15 a.m.

Prelude: “Blue Dragonfly” (libellula blu) Somers

Opening Hymn:
#657 “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” Hyfrydol

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his 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.*

Song of Praise:

WLP #812

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Schutte

Collect of The Day

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn : v. 1-2 **"In Christ Alone"** (See insert)

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The Priest and congregation announce the Gospel reading as follows:

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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."

The Priest and congregation respond to the reading of the Gospel as follows:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn : v. 3-4

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Homily: The Reverend Edmund Sherrill+

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

Prayers of the People

The Lector and People pray responsively

Lector: *In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.*

Silence

Lector: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray especially for Richard Bucher, Branan Cooper, Desiree Cooper, Jim Finnigan, Barry Fragale, Monica Fragale, Emilie Fragale, Mia Fragale, Marcia Hall, Dottie Holweger, Deb Johnson, Judy Kelley, Vicki Knotts, Ellie Lewis, Heidi Ludlow, Peggy Newton, Sonny Owens, Deb Peterson, Sondra Rose, Kathy Spencer, Richard Tait, Sally Wolff, and the family of Sue Thomas;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
 People: *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Lector: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop,
 Rector-elect Tim Johnson, for those who volunteer to serve this
 congregation and for all people everywhere;
 People: *For all who serve God in his Church.*

Lector: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
 your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon
 them;
 People: *Who put their trust in you.*

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for
 the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Lector: Please offer your own prayers and petitions silently or aloud.
Silence

Priest:
 Most heavenly and gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings you have
 given to us. Help us to discern the needs and gifts of our Advent community.
 Give the leaders wisdom and guide our contemplation and prayer during this
 time of transition. We ask this in the name of your beloved son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Confession

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

Confession of Sin

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Absolution

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The Liturgy of the Table

The Peace

The Offertory

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory:

“Celtic Laud”
 Advent Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Doxology

#380, v. 3

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord..

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:

Sanctus –362, v. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Nicaea

The Celebrant continues:

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,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 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

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever Amen.
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The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymn:

LEVAS #154 **“Taste and See”**

Moore

LEVAS #217 **“He’s Got the Whole World”** Negro Spiritual; arr. Brinson

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

#450, v. 1-3, 6

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Coronation

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude:

“Overture for Trumpet and Organ ”

Handel

Stan Slotter, Trumpet

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