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*A welcoming community called to be an enduring
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

September 5, 2021 at 10:00 am

Prelude

There is a Fountain

Lowell Mason

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

Opening Acclamation

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

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

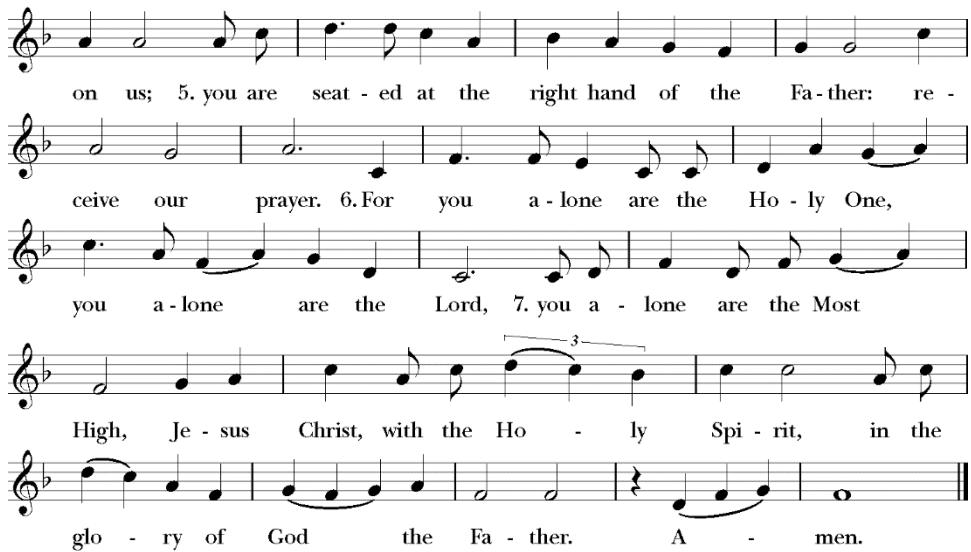
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn S-280

Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson (*seated*)

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;

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle (seated)

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

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 fulfill 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 judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 1 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over *Christe sanctorum*

The Gospel (*all standing*)

Mark 7:24-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus 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 Syrophoenician 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon

A brief period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed (all standing)

Celebrant and People

**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.

The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all deacons, priests, and bishops who seek to share your love through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed vegetation. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation as we work for justice, freedom, and peace. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

(BCP p. 360)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Celebrant 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.

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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Lift me up

Larry Rice

Larry Rice

During the offertory anthem you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at the Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by Texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.



Give Now Online!

You may "Give Now" electronically in one of the three ways
(1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting
<https://onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/give/now> or (3)
Texting TFCE at 73256 to give using text messaging.

Presentation Hymn

705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

(vs.1)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP p. 361)

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.**

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.

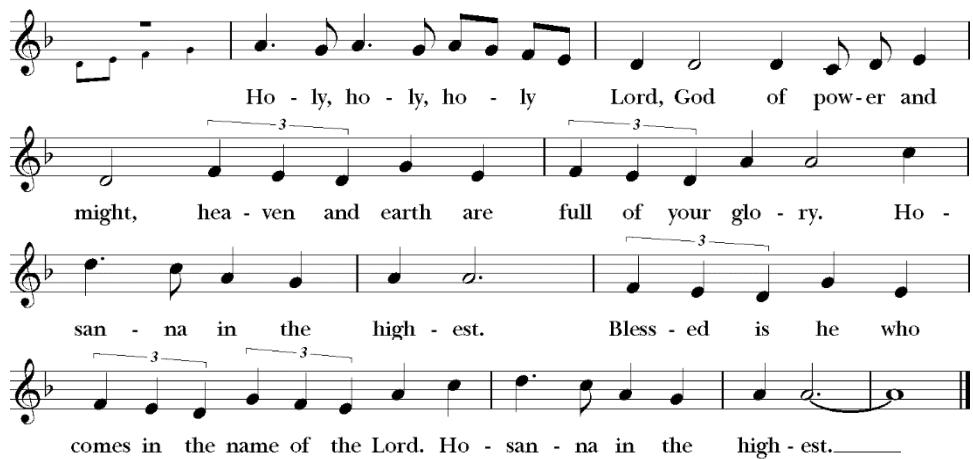
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 Hymn S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell (b. 1932)



Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-154

Celebrant

This setting is not used in Lent.

Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)

People

All

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key of G major (two sharps). The first staff (Celebrant) has a soprano vocal line with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff (Christ our Passover) has a soprano vocal line with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The third staff (People) has a soprano vocal line with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff (All) has a soprano vocal line with a melodic line consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics for the second staff are 'Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;'. The lyrics for the third staff are 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' The lyrics for the fourth staff are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

The Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the clergy will offer you the host (Communion in one kind only) by gently dropping the wafer in your cupped hands while avoiding touching your hands. Please then step aside and consume the host, then quietly return to your seat.

Communion Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chereponi

Communion Hymn 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Werde munte

Postcommunion Prayer

(EOW p. 69)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

**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

Sending Hymn 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenafren

Dismissal

(BCP, p.366)

Gospeler

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Franz Joseph Haydn



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Scan the QR code by using the camera on your phone to access the registration/general release form for Youth Ministry! For more information, visit: <https://www.thefallschurch.org/youthministry>



Children's Formation Registration

Scan the QR code by using the camera on your phone to access the registration form for Children's Formation on Realm! For more information, email Lbreeden@thefallschurch.org.

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Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev'd. Burl Salmon
Rector

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We are grateful to Geoff Kannan and Larry Rice for helping lead the music in today's worship.

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The Parish Prayer List

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Immediate Needs

John, Bill, Maury, Betsy, Ellie, Kyra, Jordan

Long Term Prayers

George, Tom, Michael, Eduardo, Robin, Robert, Margaret, Miriam, Claire, Nessa,
the Ashby Family

Family and Friends

Michael, Rita, Chris, John, Claire

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