

The Invitation to Communion

Ushers will direct you to a communion station where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Should you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you approach them for communion.

Music at Communion

Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace
Tune: Dickinson College

The people stand, as able, for the Post Communion Prayer.

The Post Communion Prayer (BCP. 365)

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 655 O Jesus, I have promised
Tune: Nyland

The Dismissal (BCP, p. 366)

Postlude Litanies Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)



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Preacher & Celebrant
The Rev’d Julius Rodriguez

Rector
The Rev’d Burl Salmon

Director of Formation and Families
Lauren Breeden

Director of Music
Justin Oei

Seminarian
The Rev’d Deacon Adam Steele

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The Parish Prayer List

For the Birth of
Theodore (Theo) William Shepler

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Immediate Needs

Long Term Prayers

Family and Friends

For the Repose of the Soul of

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THE FALLS CHURCH
an Episcopal congregation

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

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6 September 2026
10:00 a.m.

Prelude Praeludium H    ne Tham
(1843-1925)

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand, as able.

Opening Hymn 475 God himself is with us
Tune: Tysk

Opening Acclamation (BCP, p. 355)

Song of Praise (see insert) Carl Haywood
(b. 1949)

The Collects of the Day

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

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.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you

will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

The congregation remains seated and sings the psalm as indicated.

Psalm 119:33-40 Legem pone



33 Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Lesson Romans 13:8-14

One no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn 711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Tune: *Seek ye first*

The people stand, as able.

The Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Then, all standing, as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev’d Julius Rodriguez

The people sit at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence follows the homily. All stand, as able, for the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed (BCP, p. 358)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant:
God calls us to follow Jesus. On the way let us join all the disciples everywhere and offer prayers in the love and knowledge of God.

For a day that is holy, good, and peaceful.
Lord, have mercy.
For an angel of peace to guide us in all our paths.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.
Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, households, and families.
Lord, have mercy.
For all that is good and bountiful for the world.
Lord, have mercy.
For all those in danger and need, especially (); the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners.
Lord, have mercy.
For (); and the dying and the dead.
Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.
Lord, have mercy.
Remembering all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Lord.

Celebrant:
God who gives life to the dead, receive our prayers and secret yearnings and make us willing to follow where you lead the way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession (BCP, p. 360)

The Peace (BCP, p. 360)

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory Will you come and follow me
Tune: *Mary Alexandra*



The people stand, as able, while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn 707 Take my life, and let it be
Tune: *Hollingside*

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A
(BCP, p. 361)

Sanctus S-129 Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

The Lord’s Prayer (BCP, p. 364)

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP, p. 364)

Fraction Anthem S-155 Gerald Near
(b. 1942)