THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 AT 10:15 AM



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ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: The Holy Well — Peter Graham

Kathryn DeShong, euphonium

Processional Hymn: Come away to the skies — Hymnal 213

Opening Acclamation — Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity — BCP, p. 355

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God *Lift Every Voice and Sing 243*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson **Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

Lector A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

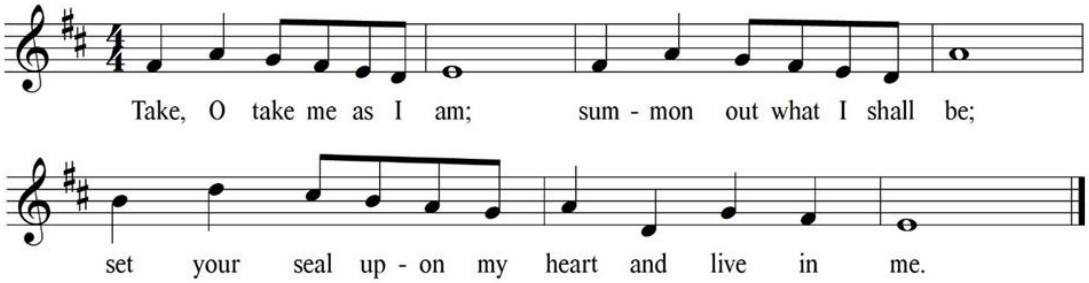
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10**

Eructavit cor meum

All sing refrain; all sing verses





[1] My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
[2] You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever. REFRAIN

[7] Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
[8] Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. REFRAIN

[9] All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
[10] Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir. REFRAIN

The Second Lesson **James 1:17-27**

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the

perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God Hymnal 711

The Gospel **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Hershey Mallette Stephens

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People New Zealand Prayer Book

Intercessor Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church. Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

All **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Intercessor Breathe fresh life into your people.

All **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Intercessor We pray for our community. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

All **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.**

Intercessor Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

All **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Intercessor We pray for the needs of the world. For the hungry and the overfed,

All **May we have enough.**

Intercessor For the mourners and the mockers,

All **May we laugh together.**

Intercessor For the victims and the oppressors,

All **May we share power wisely.**

Intercessor For the silenced and the propagandists,

All **May we speak our own words in truth.**

Intercessor For the unemployed and the overworked,

All **May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.**

Intercessor For the troubled and the sleek,

All **May we live together as wounded healers.**

Intercessor For the homeless and the cosseted,

All **May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming.**

Intercessor For the vibrant and the dying,

All **May we all die to live.**

Intercessor O God of many names, lover of all peoples; we pray for peace in our hearts and homes, in our nations and our world; the peace of your will, the peace of our need.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Richard L. Stroder and Dwayne L. Draughon in loving memory of
John C. Stroder and Lattie and Carol J. Draughon and in honor of Barbara L. Stroder.

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The Collect for Labor Day BCP, p. 261

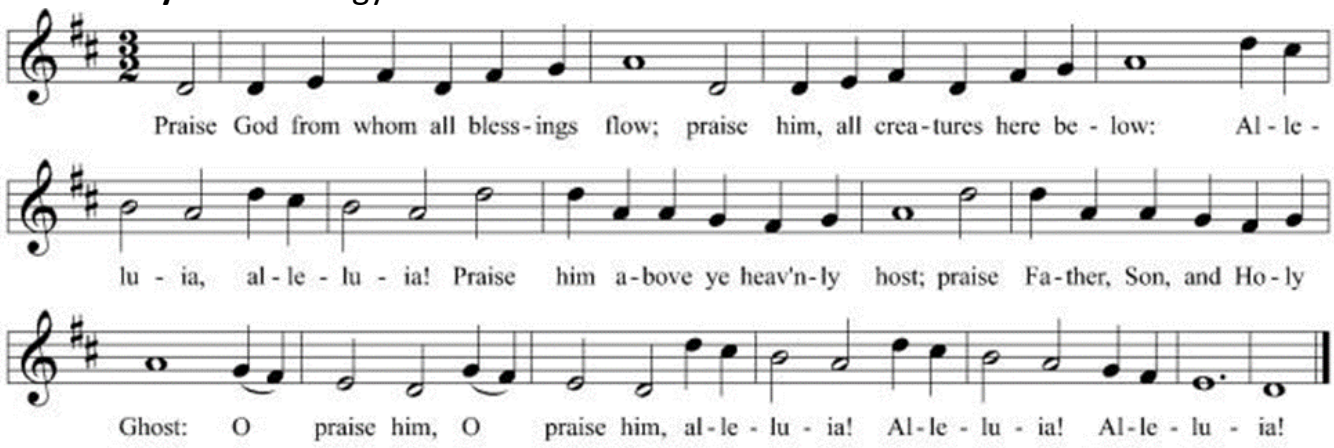
Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations 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 Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: God be in my head Philip Wilby

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 mine end, and at my departing.

Presentation Hymn: Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

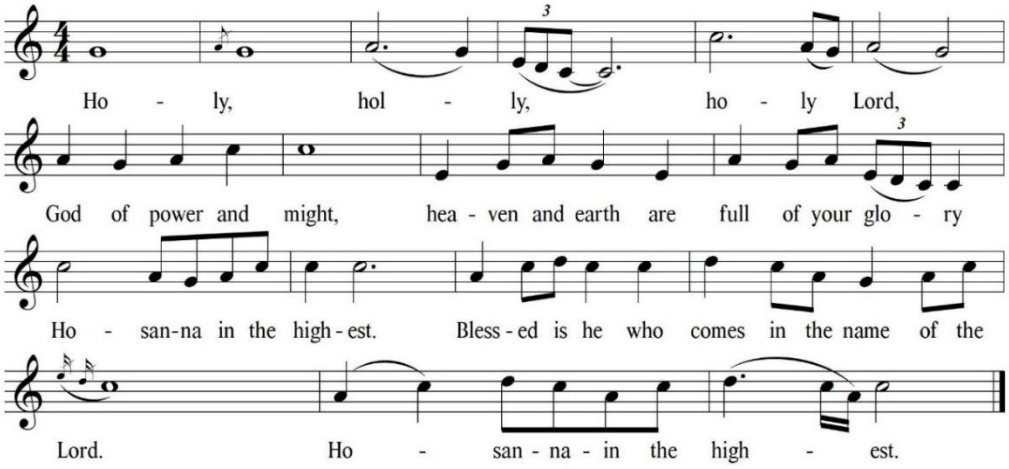
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant …Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 252



The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant …Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

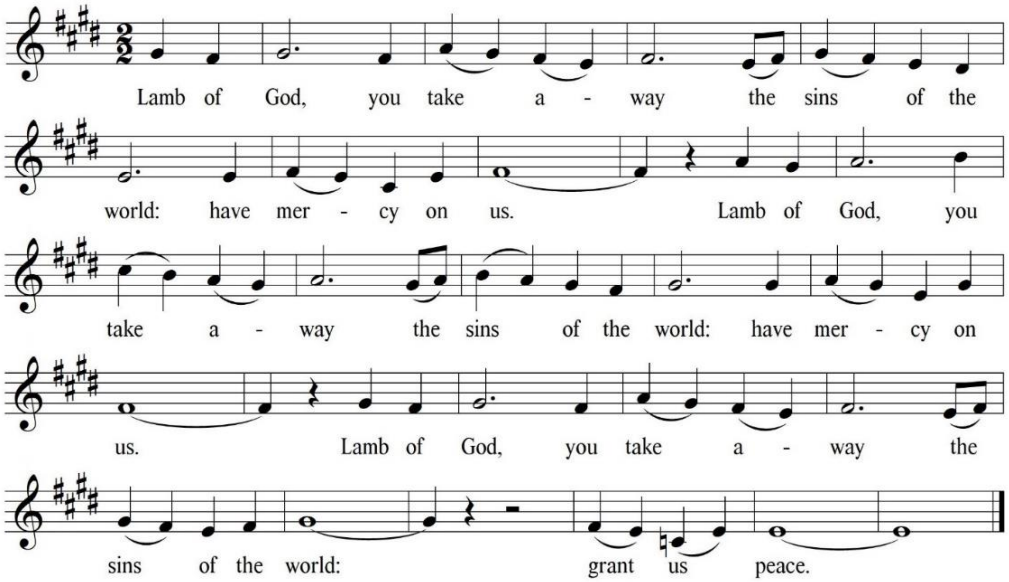
Celebrant …By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Lift Every Voice and Sing* 270



Invitation and Communion

During communion today, Daughters of the King will be available in the Bride's Room (the small room at the back of the church, beside the narthex) to pray with anyone desiring healing prayers.

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

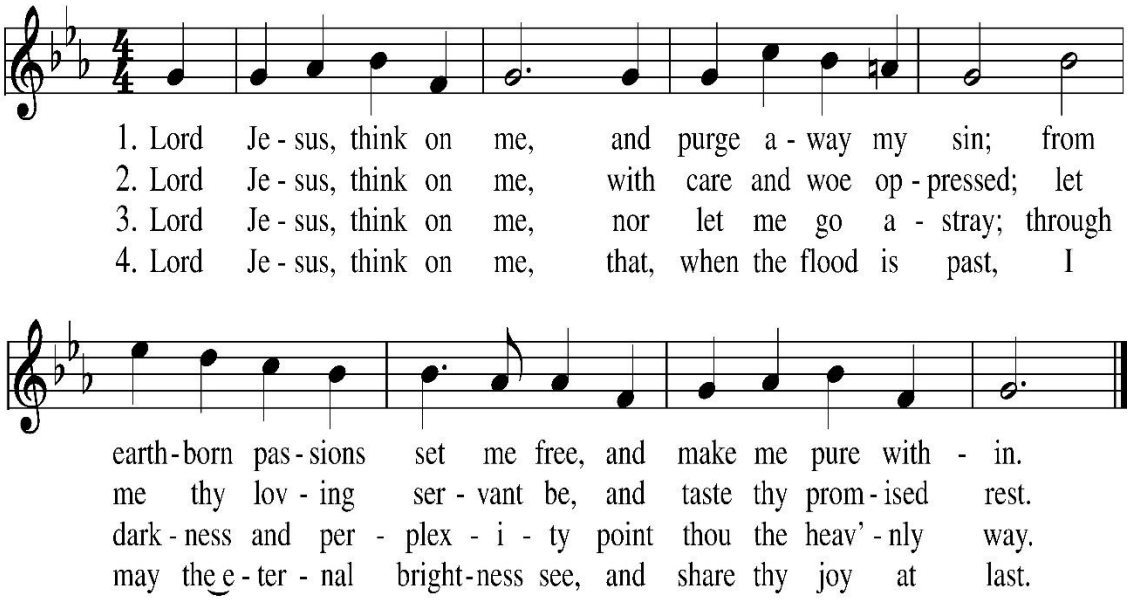
Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Hymns:

Take my life, and let it be — Hymnal 707

Lord Jesus, think on me — Wonder, Love, and Praise 798



Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Hymnal 556

The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Voluntary

Please join us immediately following this service for lunch and fellowship!

Serving Today

Ushers	Sarah Boney and Harold Ramsey
Verger	Ed Gavin
Acolytes	Ashelyn Gilbert, Anders Fyfe, and Juliet Gilbert
Lectors	Phyllis Vail and Maggie Stoddard
Intercessor & Chalicist	Jennifer Tlusty
Livestream & Sound	Craig DeShong and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Molly Propst
Fellowship Host	Beyond Our Doors Ministry Team

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We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering Melvin Dawson Pritchard, Jr.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mary's, Speed, and Trinity Church, Statesville.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola* (The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola).

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

For August and the first week of September we will be singing service music from the Episcopal African-American Hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. LEVAS is one of four hymnals currently in use by and approved by the Episcopal Church. Carl Haywood, composer of "Glory to God," is professor of music at Norfolk State University and organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA. Lena McLin, composer of the Sanctus, is a music teacher, composer, author, and pastor. She taught school in Chicago. Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis, composer of "Lamb of God," was one of the Juilliard School's first African-American graduates (Diploma '48, piano) and had a long career as a dance pianist, including for Agnes de Mille and the American Ballet Theater.

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