

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Pentecost 15 10:00 A.M.

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

HYMN # 1 Let Us Build a House
Vs. 1,2,4&5 (Red Book)

Celebrant: The grace of God enfold you,
the grace of Christ be in you,
the grace of Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Savior. Amen.

Collect
God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth,
you created humankind in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to human care:
give us grace to serve you faithfully,
that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading: Song of Songs 2: 8-13
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27
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Psalm Hymn # 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We trust in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We trust in Jesus Christ, the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we trust in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We trust in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.
***(Lutheran Theological College South India*)**

The Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 601 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending *(Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: God be with you
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the God of all of Creation
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven…
we praise you now and for ever saying:

Hymn # 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *(Blue Book)*
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: In the night that Jesus was betrayed…
so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymn # 720 *(Blue Book)*
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation;
for ever and ever.

Hymn # 721 Amen *(Blue Book)*
Amen, amen, amen.

(Eucharistic Prayer-Anglican Church of South Africa)
Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 314 Laudate Omnes Gentes
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

HYMN # 89 Love is the Touch
(Red Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 145 Draw the Circle Wide
(Red Book)

Final Blessing

The Dismissal

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