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.

The Blessing

Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Hymnal 390

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.



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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 4:00 p.m. & September 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Mass \sim Rite II \sim Proper 20

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit

I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me,
I will surely help them, and I will be their God for ever and ever.
Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be.

[standing]

The Processional Hymn

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

Hymnal 518

[stand as able.]

Opening Salutation

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

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book 355

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis [Music in the pews]

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

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

[seated]

The 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.

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

The Psalm 118:14-29 Confitemini, Domino



- The LORD is my [strength and] my song, * and he has become [my] salvation.
- There is a sound of exul-[tation] and victory * in the [tents of] the righteous:
- "The right hand of the [LORD] has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! ...
 - the right hand of the [LORD] has triumphed!"

 I shall not [die] but live, *
- and declare the [works of] the LORD.
- The LORD has [punished] me sorely, * but he did not hand me [over] to death.
- Open for me the [gates] of righteousness; *

 I will enter them; ... I will offer [thanks to] the LORD.
- This is the [gate of] the LORD; he who is [righteous] may enter.
- I will give thanks to you [for] you answered me * and have become [my] salvation.
- The same stone which the [builders] rejected * has become the [chief] cornerstone.
- This is the [LORD'S] doing, * and it is marvelous [in] our eyes.
- On this day the [LORD] has acted; *
 we will re-[joice and] be glad in it.
- Hosannah [LORD] hosannah! *
 LORD send us [now] success.
- Blest is he who comes in the [name of] the Lord; * we bless you from the [house of] the LORD.
- God is the LORD; ... he has [shined] upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the [horns of] the altar.

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.

At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Memorial Acclamation

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 [______ and] 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*.

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

The Lord's Prayer [Music in the pews.]

Prayer Book 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Music in the pews.]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

"Be thou my vision"

Hymnal 488

The Postcommunion Prayer [kneeling as able.]

Prayer Book 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon [seated] Fr. Ron Keel

The Nicene Creed [Stand as able.] Prayer Book 358

The Prayers of the People (Form III) [kneel as able.] Prayer Book 387

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution [kneel as able]

Prayer Book 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem "From the Rising of the Sun" Frederick A. Gore Ouseley

Hymn "Sing praise to God who reigns above" Hymnal 408

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer B)

Prayer Book 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.*

[kneel as able.] Celebrant

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

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 and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Music in the pews.]

[Kneel as able.]
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;

"You are my God and [I] will thank you; * you are my God and [I will] exalt you."

Give thanks to the LORD for [he] is good; * his mercy en-[dures] for ever.

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

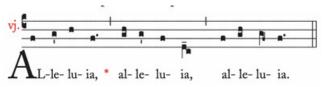
— this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

The Sequence Hymn

"Commit thou all that grieves thee"

Hymnal 669



Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. (Choir)

▼ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke 16:1-13

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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