

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

11:00 am



The Holy Eucharist, Rite One **Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

*Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land. . .*

~ Amos 8:4

Our worship today follows Rite Two in the Episcopal 1979 Book of Common Prayer. As permitted, the Prayers of the People are drawn from a different source: A New Zealand Prayer Book (ANZPB). Today's service is being livestreamed and recorded on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Voluntary

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

"Judge eternal, throned in splendor"

Hymnal 1982 #596

1. **Judge eternal,
throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.**

2. **Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release,
and the city's crowded clangor
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the
woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.**

3. **Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
cleave our darkness
with thy sword;
feed all those who do not know thee
with the richness of thy word;
cleans the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.**

Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider may add

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

Hymnal 1982 S-279

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

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 357

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Loving God, in Jesus you gather us into your family; confidently we call you Father; may your Spirit bring us to share the glorious liberty of your children. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Amos

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.

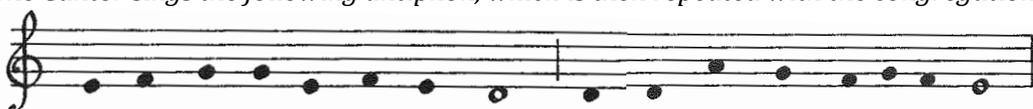
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 113, vv. 1, 4-8, Laudate, pueri

The Cantor sings the following antiphon, which is then repeated with the congregation.



Let the Name of the Lord be praised from this time forth for ev-er-more.

1. Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.
4. The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
6. He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
7. He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
8. He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy

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.**

Sequence Hymn

“Father all loving, who rulest in majesty”

Hymnal 1982 #568

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father all loving, who rulest in majesty,
judgment is thine, and condemneth our pride;
stir up our leaders and peoples to penitence,
sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried. 2. Bless'd Lord Jesus, who camest in poverty,
sharing a stable with beasts at thy birth,
stir us to work for thy justice and charity,
truly to care for the poor of the earth. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,
lift up our lives to thy standard of right;
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
flood the whole Church with thy glorious light. 4. Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,
bind in thy love every nation and race;
may we adore thee for time and eternity,
Father, Redeemer, and Spirit of grace. |
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The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 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."

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

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed, BCP p. 358

**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.**

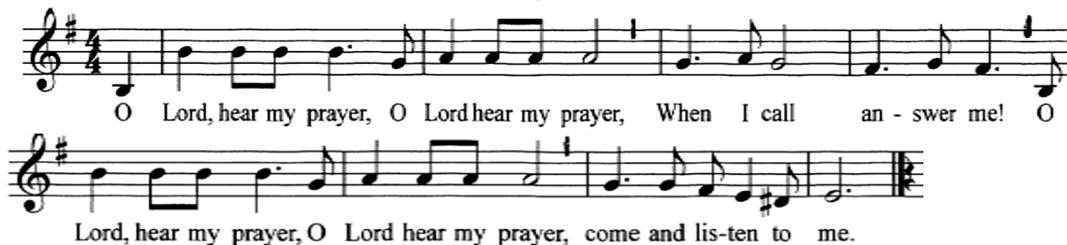
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**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 Prayers of the People

A New Zealand Prayer Book, First Form, p. 413, adapted

The following response is sung before and after the Prayers. The cantor sings once, the congregation then joins in repeating.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call an - swer me! O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Creator God,
you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church...
Enliven, we ask, the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.
Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world...

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community...

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need...

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn...

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries...

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

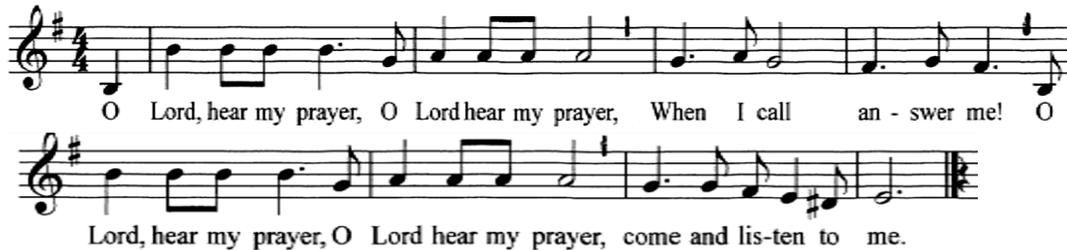
until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All repeat the prayer antiphon



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call an - swer me! O
Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and lis-ten to me.

Confession

The Presider begins, the People following with words in bold

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against thee

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in thy will,

and walk in thy ways,

to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Presider concludes with an absolution.

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory motet

"Laudate pueri"

Antonio Soler

(The English text is Psalm 113, found on p. 756 in the BCP.)

Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, 1982 S 149

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and sings

Hymnal, 1982 S 153

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

The People respond

There - fore let us keep the feast.

The Presider offers God's gifts, saying

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

On receiving Communion:

If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle and stretch out your arms at full length, both hands palm up, returning down a side aisle. Wine-Host is available. The lay eucharistic minister will offer the tray of cups and the words of reception. Please choose a cup close to you. After receiving, place the empty cup on one of the trays to the left and right of the table. To receive instead a spoken blessing, simply fold your hands across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available from the priest upon request.

Communion motet

"Ego sum Panis vivus"

G.P. da Palestrina

*"I am the Living Bread. Your forebears ate manna in the desert, yet they died.
 This is the Bread that comes down from heaven. Whoever eats of it shall not die."*

After Communion, all join in prayer.

Let us pray.

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.

The priest (or bishop, if present) may bless the congregation.

Closing hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymnal 1982 #390

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.**
2. **Praise to the Lord;
over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings,
safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?**
3. **Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.**
4. **Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

*All are invited to our “Take 10” time for coffee and fellowship, outside
which may be inside or outside depending on weather, and as instructed on the day.*

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