

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

9:15 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

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children and invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

The form for worship for this season has been adapted from the "Eucharist for Creation and Redemption," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 467-473. This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

The Ministry of Word and Prayer

The People Gather

The people may be greeted informally. Then all standing, the presiding priest or minister continues

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

Amen.

Grace to you and peace
from God our Creator,
the love at our beginning
and without end,
in our midst and with us.

**God is with us,
here we find new life.**

Sentence of the Day

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

The minister continues

Let us give thanks
for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,
release for the captives,
recovery of sight for the blind
and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

Song of Praise

"O sing to the Lord"

Brazilian folk tune

1. Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing him a new song (x3)
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh sing to the Lord!
2. Oh sing to the Lord, the maker of all things (x3) Oh sing ...
3. To Jesus sing praise, the Lamb that is worthy (x3) Oh sing...
4. God pours on the Church the lifegiving Spirit (x3) Oh sing...
5. Oh sing to the Lord: "Amen, Alleluia," (x3) Oh sing...

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creations to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

The Proclamation

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Bringing

"Alleluia"

Jim Smith

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 16:1-7, 10-16

Praise and glory to God.

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.' ...

"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."

May the Gospel of Christ be heard.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Allowing silence between biddings, the presiding priest or minister says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Caring God, we thank you for all creation:

the heavens and earth tell of your glory;
for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:

for those who decide about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts well;
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and country,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors
for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work
we may see as you would have us see.

We thank you for giving us life;
and for all who bless us.

We pray:

for all who are deprived of fulness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work,
and in your Church,
and all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
**may your word and sacrament
strengthen us to love as you love us.**

At this time, Prayer Cards are shown and described to the congregation. After intercessions or thanksgivings, the following may be used.

<p>AFTER THANKSGIVING For your love and goodness we give you thanks, O God.</p>	<p>AFTER INTERCESSION God of love grant our prayer.</p>
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Let us conclude our prayers, saying

God, you shape our dreams.

As we put our trust in you
may your hopes and desires be ours,
and we your expectant people.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.
Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.**

**Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

God forgives you.

Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Be at peace.

Amen.

We Share in Christ's Peace

Beloved of Christ, Christ calls us to live in unity.

We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Offertory

“Be thou my vision”

Hymnal 1982, #488

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.

The Great Thanksgiving

The presiding priest says

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven
where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

... We thank you that you make us human
and stay with us

even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us:

while we were yet sinners,

Christ died for us.

... We entrust ourselves to you,
for you alone do justice
to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs,
apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy:

God of mercy, giver of life;

earth and sea and sky

and all that lives,

declare your presence and your glory.

... Here and now, with this bread and wine,
we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

... Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life,
fire us with your love,
confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ
with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

As Christ teaches us we now pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

*Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the
people, saying*

Bread and wine; the gifts of God
for the people of God.
**May we who share these gifts
be found in Christ
and Christ in us.**

The presiding priest and people receive communion.

Song during Communion

"One Bread, One Body"

John Michael Talbot

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

**1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
(Refrain)**

**2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
(Refrain)**

**3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.
(Refrain)**

Prayer After Communion

The priest says

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks
for this foretaste of your glory.
**Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves
and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant,
our friend and brother. Amen.**

Silence may be kept.

The Dismissal of the Community

A blessing may be given. The congregation is sent out with these words.

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Sending Hymn

“I have decided to follow Jesus”

LEVAS #136

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, (x 3). No turning back, no turning back!
2. Though no one join me, still I will follow, (x 3). No turning back...
4. The world behind me, the cross before me, (x 3). No turning back...

All are invited to proceed downstairs to the Parish Hall to join in “Trinity Reconnects!”

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