

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2019, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

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The Word of God

Prelude

Please welcome our guest organist, David Tinoco, this morning.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #390

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Co-Celebrants: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic,

The Rev. Peter Huang

Deacon: The Rev. Jude Lyons

Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 113

Raymond Wise



Praise the Lord, _____ praise the Lord, _____ who lifts _____ up the poor. _____ Praise the

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Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blest both now and forevermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth?

*From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.*

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

2nd Reader A Reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

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.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able, and join in singing the first verse of ‘Speak, O Lord’.

The Gospel Procession

Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re - ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
5 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.



9 Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fas - hion us in your like - ness; that the Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
13 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - po - ses for your glo - ry.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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The Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

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 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."

Deacon **The Gospel of the Lord.**

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing the second verse of 'Speak, O Lord'.

Please remain seated for

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Affirmation of Faith

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**All You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

The Prayers of the People

*The People join in reading the words in **bold**.*

Sustaining God, you invite us to gather the world's needs into our hearts and to trust your compassionate Presence.

For the people of God throughout the world, for those in civil and religious leadership, and for us gathered as your church family. God of wisdom, **let us fulfil your vision entrusted to us.**

For goodwill among nations, for the well-being of all people, and for boldness in confronting issues of inequality, hatred, greed, violence, and prejudice. God of justice, **let us be an authentic light in our world.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **let us be strong to help and serve.**

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison or afraid. Let us pray for all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Barbara, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Jill Lynch, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, June Malone, Marjorie Morris, Bob Pilmer, Marylen Ruston, James and Reiko, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*. God of all healing, **let us become whole and holy.**

For all those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, from violence and abuses in our country and around the world, from the consequences of natural disasters, homelessness, unemployment and underemployment, and for those who struggle in fear and darkness.

God of protecting love and strength, **let us be instruments of your peace and protection.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...*(please add your own prayers silently or out loud)*.

God of all we have, **let us be grateful for moments of blessing.**

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died, especially those we name to you now...
(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).

God of comfort and grace, **let us live for you all the days of our lives.**

Celebrant Thank you, Gracious God, for always doing more than we could ask for or even imagine.
Help us be faithful to our calling.

People We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Confession

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Deacon We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be, and do, as members of Christ's body.

Silence

Celebrant In God there is forgiveness. Let us pray:

Please stand or kneel as able

**All Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours.
We ask your forgiveness.**

✠ Celebrant God loves you and forgives you; be at peace. **Amen.**

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the children of the parish, and their families, gather at the altar to experience the mystery and joy of Communion up close, so their Sunday School learning may come alive in their experience.

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

Come As You Are

Brent Helm

Come as you are, come and drink from the liv - ing wat - er that flowed from his hands,
Come as you are, come and bathe in the heal - ing wat - er, cleans - ing from sin,
flowed from his side. re-leas - ing new life Draw near to him and he'll draw near to you.
He's been wait - ing for you to call on his name, so come, Come as you are.

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Please continue STANDING, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.
They will become for us spiritual food.

People We bless God forever.

Celebrant God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People We Bless God forever.

Celebrant God, you have blessed us with the joy of children and families and members of all ages.
We thank you that they are with us, surrounding your table.

People We bless God forever.

Remain standing for
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God is here.

People We praise God together.

Celebrant Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Celebrant O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink.
You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also.**

Celebrant When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.

And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

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God is here! Come, let us cel - e-brate! God is here! Let us re - joice!

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Please *STAND* or *kneel*, as you are able, or feel most comfortable. **The People join in reading the text in bold.**

Celebrant God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.

Families All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us, but people have not always loved you.
You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Families He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people.
And so with thanks we praise you.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God.
He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them.

"This is my body," he said.

People Do this, and know that I am with you.

Celebrant Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you.
He shared it with them, and said
"This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Celebrant We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you,
and is alive forever,
We are glad to share that life and live in him.
Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

† Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Celebrant Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

Families Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.

Celebrant We worship you and say:

People We praise you.
We thank you.
We bless you.
Amen.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

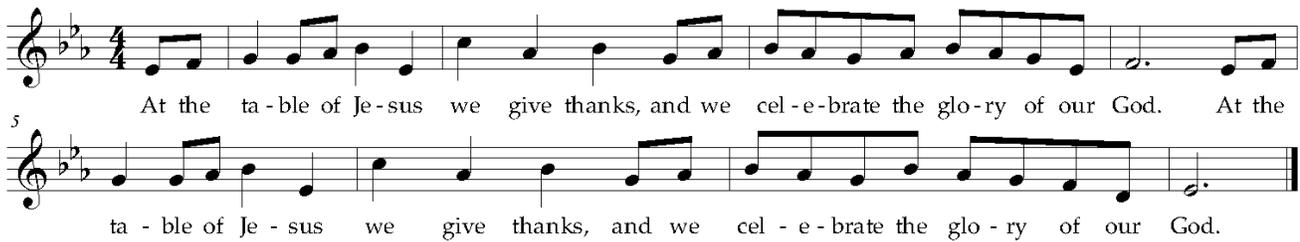
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

At the Table of Jesus

Carey Landry



At the ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God. At the
5 ta - ble of Je - sus we give thanks, and we cel - e - brate the glo - ry of our God.

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The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.***

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

**Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Won't let anybody blow it out. No, I'm gonna let it shine!
Shine my light across the land. I'm gonna let it shine!
Let your light shine!*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Traditional

I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
5 Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, tho' none go with me, still I will
Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back,
fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back,
fol - low, tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Traditional

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude