

Names of those we pray for this week.

All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families: Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

All those who are sick or in need of any kind: Andrea, Barbara, Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christianson, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Ted Wong, Joan Youd.



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joy Bacon in celebration of the birthdays of Elizabeth "Mary" 8/31, Joy 9/5, and John Bacon 9/11

Important Covid Safety Reminders

In accordance with LA County Public Health requirements, Bishop Taylor has requested that although social distancing is no longer required, masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household at all times on campus, both indoor and outdoor.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Slow Air

Herbert Howells

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Processional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn #423, v. 1-4

Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, in
 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor
 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, thine

5
 light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bles - sed, most
 want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice, like
 all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all laud we would

10
 glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy
 moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun - tains of
 flour - ish, like leaves on the tree, then with - er and per - ish, but
 ren - der; O help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of

15
 great Name we praise.
 good - ness and love.
 nought - chan - geth thee.
 light hid - eth thee.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

A ✠ appears where you may wish to make the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is a way to engage your body (not just your speech and mind) in worship and physically embrace the blessing of God.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.

Canticle of Praise **A Song of Wisdom** *Sapientia liberavit* Wisdom 10:15-19,20b-21

**Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors,
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea,
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name,
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute,
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing. Unvaccinated persons please refrain from singing.

Recessional Hymn

Thou Whose Almighty Word

Hymn #371, v. 1-4

Thou, whose al - might-y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 Spi - rit of truth and love, life-giv-ing, ho - ly Dove,
 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,
 and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound-less as o - cean tide, roll - ing in
 Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music.

Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Sending Forth.

Please join us for a coffee fellowship under the arches.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Please return to your seats before consuming the elements. 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 Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Following communion, please STAND, as able,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The First Lesson — Isaiah 35:4-7a

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

The Response — Psalm 146, *Lauda, anima mea*

Reader Let us read together from Psalm 146 responsively by half verse. (People reading text in **bold**).

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸ The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson — James 2:1-10, 14-17

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one

wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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Sequence Hymn **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** Hymn #493, v, 1-5

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel — Mark 7:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Saint Francis and all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

All **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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Please STAND, as able,
The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have
this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, all these gifts presented by your holy people
for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people join in reading the parts in bold.

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 God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

**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.

Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.

The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human,
to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us,
a fragrant offering.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to
know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean
spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a
Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to
her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to
her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the
child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the
region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and
they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put
his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and
said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was
released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them,
the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done
everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Apostle's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he 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.**

