



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AT 10:30 AM
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Arietta, Op. 12, No. 1
Norwegian Melody, Op. 12, No. 6

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Christ beside me

Bunessan

Christ— be - side me, Christ— be - fore me,
 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
 Christ— be - side me, Christ— be - fore me,

Christ— be - hind me; King of my heart; _____
 Christ all a - round me; shield in my strife; _____
 Christ— be - hind me; King of my heart; _____

Christ— with - in me, Christ— be - low me,
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
 Christ— with - in me, Christ— be - low me,

Christ— a - bove me; nev - er to part. _____
 Christ in my ris - ing; light of my life. _____
 Christ— a - bove me; nev - er to part. _____

— Text: James Quinn (1919-2010)

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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 Savior. Amen.

Song of Praise

As we gather at your table

Holy Manna

As we_ gath er at your_ Ta - ble, as we_ lis - ten to your Word,
help us_ know, O God, your_ pres - ence; let our_ hearts and minds be stirred.
Nour - ish us with sa - cred_ sto - ry till we claim it as our_ own;
teach us_ through this ho - ly_ ban - quet_ how to_ make Love's vic-t'ry known.

—Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Collect of the Day

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *seated* James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

The People sing with the Choir, moving to the next note on the word or syllable in bold.



O God, who may dwell in your **tabernacle**; *
who may abide upon your holy **hill**?

Those who lead blameless lives and do what is **right**, *
who speak truthfully from the **heart**.

There is no guile upon their tongues;
they do no evil to their **friends**; *
they do not heap contempt upon their **neighbors**;

In their sight the wicked are **rejected**, *
but they honor those who fear **God**.

They have sworn to do no **wrong** *
and do not take back their **word**.

They do not give their money in hope of **gain**, *
nor do they take a bribe against the **innocent**.

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Whoever does these **things** *
shall never be **overthrown**.

Gospel Alleluia *standing as you are able*

James Walsh (b. 1940)



The Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the sung Alleluia.

Storytime

Children ages 3–10 are invited to the Music Room after the Gospel for a Bible story, prayers, and music, returning at the Peace.

Sermon The Rev. Adelyn Tyler-Williams

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor We pray to you, O God, as we say “Loving God, hear our prayer.”

God of all creation, you made us and you knit us together in your church. Help us to work together as members of the body of Christ, that our lives may bear holy fruit. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, guide our cities, nation, and world in the pursuit of love and care, that we may experience true peace, union, and justice. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of connection, empower us to build beloved community and seek your kingdom in our midst, that we may come to know you in each of our neighbors. Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of care, give your presence to those who suffer and are in any need or trouble. We pray especially for . . . and for those concerns we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of generosity, every good thing comes from you. Make us ever mindful of the many joys that come through you. We pray in thanks for . . . and those thanksgivings we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, you grant us hope of the resurrection and of eternal life with you. Welcome those who have died into your house, especially . . . and the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . . Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice, and you have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name. Fulfill now, we pray, the prayers of your people, in the service of your kingdom, through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *standing or kneeling as you are able*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.

Anthem

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

from *Vesperae solennes de confessore*, K. 339

(1756–1791)

Dana Crepeau, Jennifer Leach, Christina Ling, Liz Romig, vocalists

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas, Domini manet, in aeternum.

Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto,

sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise him, all people.

For he has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto God.

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 *sung by all*

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

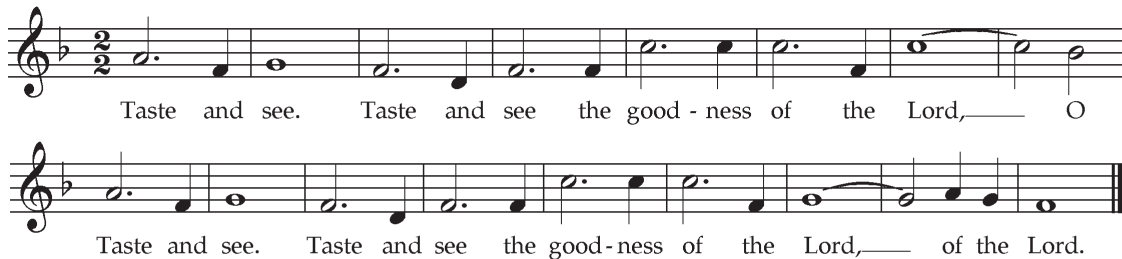
Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence observed.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all*

Taste and see

James E. Moore (b. 1951)



Taste and see. Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, O

Taste and see. Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.

Anthem

As we gather at your Table
The Summer Singers

David Hurd (b. 1950)

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave.
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

– Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944), 1989

Music

Flutes

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676–1749)

Hymn 656

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

Prayer after Communion

standing as you are able

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.

Blessing *The People respond Amen.*

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Little G Minor Fugue, BWV 578

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Liturgical Note—The season after Pentecost is called “Ordinary Time,” and it stretches from Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) through Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before Advent). Ordinary Time can sound boring or unexciting, but it can also be a reminder that God works in the ordinary days of our lives. Godly Play, a children’s church curriculum, calls Ordinary Time “the Great-Green-Growing Season.” In this season we use green vestments and experience God in simplicity and in the ordinary.

Land Acknowledgement—We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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