

September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available
Please ask an usher for assistance*



Whoever is faithful
in a very little
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV

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The Gathering of the Community

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn #607 "Come, Let Us to the Lord Our God"

Hosea 6:1-4; paraphrase by John Morison

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| 1 | Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return.
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn. | 4 | Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
shall know him, and rejoice;
his coming like the morn shall be,
like morning songs his voice. |
| 2 | His voice commands the tempest forth
and stills the stormy wave;
and though his arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save. | 5 | As dew upon the tender herb
diffusing fragrance round,
as showers that usher in the spring
and cheer the thirsty ground, |
| 3 | Long hath the night of sorrow reigned;
the dawn shall bring us light.
God shall appear, and we shall rise
with gladness in his sight. | 6 | so shall his presence bless our souls
and shed a joyful light.
That hallowed morn shall chase away
the sorrows of the night. |

Greeting and Collect for Purity

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Glory to God [Hymn #686]

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **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.

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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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

¹⁹ 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?”)

²⁰ “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²² Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

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

¹ 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!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 **They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 **We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 **Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 **Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

Gracious God, in times of sorrow and depression, when hope itself seems lost, help us to remember the transforming power of your steadfast love and to give thanks for that new life we cannot now imagine. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Second Reading:

I Timothy 2:1–7

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For 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.**

Gradual Acclamation “Hallelujah”

Holy Gospel:

Luke 16:1–13

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ Then 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. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ 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. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ 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.’ ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ “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. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ 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.”

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.***The Apostles’ Creed***Celebrant* Let us confess the faith, as we say,

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People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #439 "Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Text by John Keble and from Mitre Hymn Book

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| <p>1 Blest are the pure in heart,
 for they shall see our God;
 the secret of the Lord is theirs,
 their soul is Christ's abode.</p> | <p>3 still to the lowly soul
 his presence doth impart,
 and for a dwelling and a throne
 chooseth the pure in heart.</p> |
| <p>2 The Lord, who left the heavens
 our life and peace to bring,
 to dwell in lowliness with us,
 our pattern and our King,</p> | <p>4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
 may ours this blessing be:
 give us a pure and lowly heart,
 a temple fit for thee.</p> |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

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Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

People

Michael

Leach

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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 Breaking of the Bread #2

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

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

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

People **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn #455 "Dear God, Compassionate and Kind"

Text by John Greenleaf Whittier

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| <p>1 Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.</p> | <p>4 Drop thy still dews of quietness
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.</p> |
| <p>2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!</p> | <p>5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and
fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.</p> |
| <p>3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!</p> | |

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology [Michael Leach]

People **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.**

Blessing**Dismissal**

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #374 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Text by William Chatterton Dix

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| <p>1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.</p> | <p>3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.</p> |
| <p>2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received
him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?</p> | <p>4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.</p> |

Repeat stanza 1

Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

<p>Today's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Tim 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Scripture Readings</p> <p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15 Psalm 91:1-6 1 Tim 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p>
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .
<p>Congregation Cycle</p> <p>Nigel P Joanie P Rudy P Stephen P & Ann-Marie W P Krystal P & Family</p>

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Altar Guild	Margie Lyttle
Subdeacon & Intercessor	Margie Lyttle	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Reader	Geraldine Sperling	Duty Warden	Ravi Andrews
Videographer	Egan Done	Coffee Hour Host	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Organist	Michael Leach		

Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

COVID instructions

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition. It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to. The cup is now being offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe