

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019 • 8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite One



Episcopal Church of the
GOOD SHEPHERD

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

American Hymn

Linda Jonson, pianist

During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- All** **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And with thy Spirit.**

P Let us pray... God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Amos 8:4–7 • Psalm 113 • Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 • Luke 15:1–10

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Amos, chapter 8...*

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy 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, make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel, and deceive with false balances, in order to buy the needy for silver and the helpless for sandals, and sell garbage as grain?"

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget what they have done.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *[read responsively, L Lector/G congregation]*

L *We will read responsively Psalm 113...*

L Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the Name of the LORD.

G **Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.**

L From the rising of the sun to its going down let the Name of the LORD be praised.

G **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

L Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

G **He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

L He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.

G **He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.**

The Second Reading:

L *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews, chapter 13...*

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are

mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you. This is why we can confidently say, The Lord is my helper, and I won't be afraid. What can people do to me?* Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:

[Please stand.]

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

👏 **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

📖 All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

- ☒ 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

[Sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- ☒** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- ℣** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In the power of the Spirit,
- ☒ we pray to you.**
- ℣** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: St. Clement, Tampa; St. Mary's, Dade City; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the power of the Spirit,
- ☒ we pray to you.**
- ℣** And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. In the power of the Spirit,
- ☒ we pray to you.**

Ⓔ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. In the power of the Spirit,

☩ **we pray to you.**

Ⓔ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Add handwritten names from notebook] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [Leave time...] In the power of the Spirit,

☩ **we pray to you.**

Ⓔ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given today and for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to name a blessing either silently or aloud. [Leave time...] In the power of the Spirit,

☩ **we pray to you.**

Ⓔ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Leave time...] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In the power of the Spirit,

☩ **we pray to you.**

Ⓔ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

Ⓓ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [Silence is kept.]
Most merciful God,...

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

Ⓖ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

[Please stand.]

- P** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- G** **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- D** Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with hearts full of thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]

- D** As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:
- G** **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- G** **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
- G** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

- Ⓟ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- Ⓞ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- Ⓟ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- Ⓞ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

- Ⓟ Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains were gathered and made into this one Bread.
- Ⓞ **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**
- Ⓟ 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.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray.

G Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Please stand.]

P Beloved, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. As you leave this place, the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you, now and forever.

G Amen.

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

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March

H. Purcell

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicer	Cheryl Sharpe
Lector	Rhiannon Sharpe
Prayers of the People	Cheryl Sharpe
Prayer Team	Wendy Anderson and Brett Dickie
Greeter	Priscilla Bowman
Usher	Tony Bowman
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates