



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia
The Holy Eucharist Rite II with Reception as a Priest

September 21, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 355.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Plein Jeu on *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Hymn 502/504)

Nicolas de Grigny

THE ENTRANCE

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN 780 (stanzas 1-3) [*green hymnal*] “Lord, you give the great commission”
Sung by all, standing.

Abbot's Leigh

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

The Bishop says the 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 Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL, S 279

Gerald Near

Sung by all.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, -
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,
al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders of ministers in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON [*The people are seated.*]

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 132:8-19 *Memento, Domine*

David Boulware-Kelley

The cantor sings the refrain, which is then repeated by all. Thereafter, the cantor sings the verses, and all join on the refrain, as indicated.



- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed. [*Ref.*]
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore." [*Ref.*]
- 14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine.” [Ref.]

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AT THE SEQUENCE, “Lord, guard and guide all those who fly” (United States Air Force Hymn)

Hesperus

Sung by all, standing. During the singing of the Sequence Hymn, children aged four through fifth grade may follow the Dove Cross to Children’s Chapel.

1. Lord, guard and guide all those who fly Thro’ the great spa - ces of the sky;
2. Thou who doth keep with ten - der might The bal - anced birds in all their flight,
3. Con - trol their minds with in - stinct fit What time, ad - ven - tur - ing, they quit
4. A - loft in sol - i - tudes of space, Up - hold them with thy sav - ing grace.

Be with them trav - ers - ing the air In darkening storms or sunshine fair.
Thou of the tempered winds, be near, That, having thee, they know no fear.
The firm se - cur - i - ty of land; Grant steadfast eye and skill - ful hand.
O God, pro - tect all those that fly Thro’ lone - ly ways be - neath the sky.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonja, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Services and Federal Ministries of the Episcopal Church
A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon. The people stand for the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED [Said by all.]

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.

A LITANY OF GOD'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love,
Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.
Hear us, O Christ.

Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.
Hear us, O Christ.

Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
Hear us, O Christ.

The Bishop concludes with the following Collect.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS OF A PRIEST *[The people are seated.]*

Presenters Bishop Ritonja, we present to you the Reverend Matthew James Streett, already ordained priest by a bishop in the historic succession, to be received among the clergy of this communion.

Bishop Has he been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe his manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that he has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe him to be qualified to exercise the ministry of the presbyterate in this Church.

The Bishop continues

My brother servant of Christ, the work of a presbyter is to be pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to share in the councils of the Church.

It is a priest's task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor; to preach; to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners; to pronounce God's blessing; and to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to this ministry?

Answer I do.

Bishop Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Answer I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.

The Priest then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.

Bishop Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you continue to be diligent in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and in seeking the knowledge of such things as may make you a stronger and more able minister of Christ?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you endeavor so to minister the Word of God and the sacraments of the New Covenant, that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve, laboring together with them and with your fellow ministers to build up the family of God?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you continue to pattern your life and that of your household in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you continue to persevere in prayer, both in public and in private, asking God's grace, both for yourself and for others, offering all your labors to God, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, and in the sanctification of the Holy Spirit?

Answer I will.

Bishop Upon these promises, I admit you to the exercise of the office of priest in this Church, recognizing your authority to preach the word of God and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit continue to bless you and God's people through your ministry.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. *[The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.]*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Holy Comforter's work of sharing God's love with the world. As the offering is brought forward to the altar, all stand.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.	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.
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.	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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [The people stand.]

Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Bishop God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Bishop At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Bishop From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Bishop Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Bishop And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL, S 127

Calvin Hampton

Sung by all.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues and gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ and prays over the bread and wine.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

The Bishop continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Bishop Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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, HYMNAL, S 155

Gerald Near

Sung by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION [*The People are seated.*]

As Jesus welcomed all to his table, so do we at Holy Communion. The bread and the wine are the central symbols of God's presence and we invite you to share in the Eucharist in whatever way feels comfortable to you, regardless of age or tradition. We also offer gluten-free bread and unfermented grape juice as alternatives—just let the priest know. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest. The Holy Eucharist is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, a mutual indwelling of Christ in us and us in him. Come to the table and be joined into Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation.

COMMUNION MUSIC *[Sung by all.]*

HYMN 756 *[green hymnal]* "Lead me, guide me, along the way"

Lead Me, Guide Me

HYMN 812 *[green hymnal]* "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

Here I am, Lord

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *[Said by all.]*

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Matthew may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

AT THE CLOSING, HYMN 541 (stanzas 1, 3, 5) "Come, labor on"

Ora Labora

Sung by all, standing.

DISMISSAL *[The people respond,]*

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young