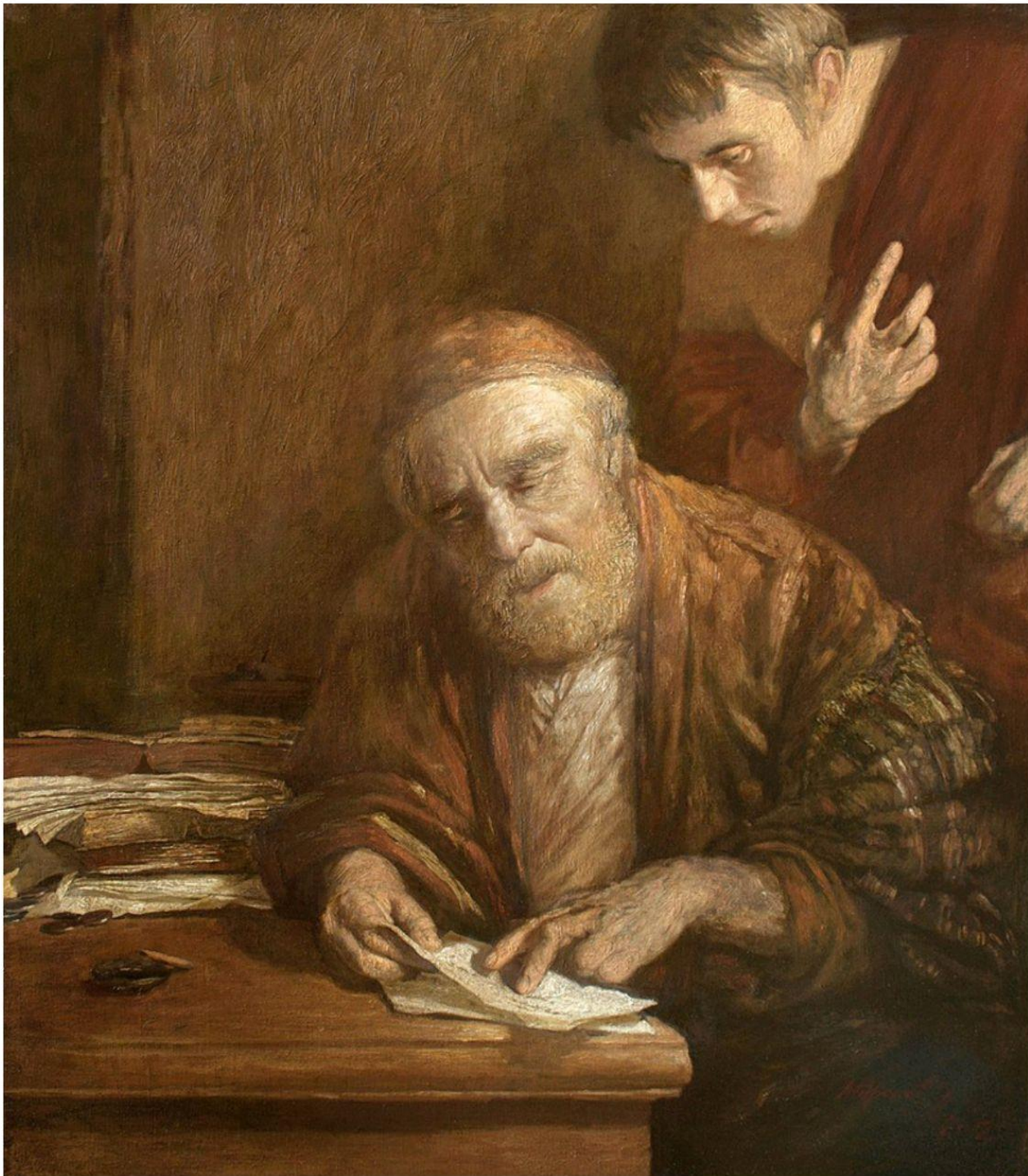


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



September 21, 2025 | 11 A.M. Service

Christ Church Episcopal

Parable of the Unjust Steward, Andreï Mironov, 2012

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 21, 2025 | The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Song of Entrance: **“Be Thou My Vision”** *Slane, arr. Tan*
(sheet music can be found in the purple folders in the Milling Area)

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

CELEBRANT: 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.**

Song of Praise: **“Everlasting God”** Brown/Riley

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reader: Beth C.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET AMOS (8:4-7)

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin 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?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,



buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

READER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113

Antiphon – Please sing together

From "From the Rising of the Sun" by Paul Deming

♩ = 100 Swung Eights

From the ri - sing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,
the Lord's Name is to be praised.

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

Antiphon



A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY (2:1-7)

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For 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.**

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 16:1-13

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

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Adam Williams, M.Div.

DEACON: THE NICENE CREED

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.



LITURGY SPOTLIGHT

The Prayers of the People are a central part of worship in the Episcopal Church. Together, we lift up the needs of the Church, the world, our community, and those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. By naming those in need (both near and far) we join our voices to Christ's own intercessions and Christians everywhere. These prayers shape us as a people of compassion, helping us to bear one another's burdens and to trust God's power to heal, reconcile, and renew. Beginning August 31st our prayers will highlight a different region of the world and lift up their plight in prayer and remembrance.

- Fr. Ken

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Steve R.

LEADER: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Guide the nations in the ways of justice and peace. We remember especially the people of Myanmar, Afghanistan, and all who are forced from their homes by war. Bless refugees and those who shelter them, we pray to you O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: For our President, the Congress, and the courts; and all in authority; May they be faithful in seeking the common good, we pray to you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, we pray to you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for _____. Are there others?
We pray to you, O Lord

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**



LEADER: We commend to your mercy all who have died,
especially _____. Are there others?
That your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray to you O
Lord.

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people; and what we
have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to
the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

DEACON: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

ALL: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things
done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that
we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor
and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

CELEBRANT: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**



THE OFFERTORY: INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

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Offertory Anthem: **“To The Throne”**

Condon/Smith

Song of Offering: **“My Heart is Filled”**

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THE HOLY COMMUNION – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

You may receive the bread and the wine or bread only. Gluten-free wafers are available. The second cup is alcohol-free wine.

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

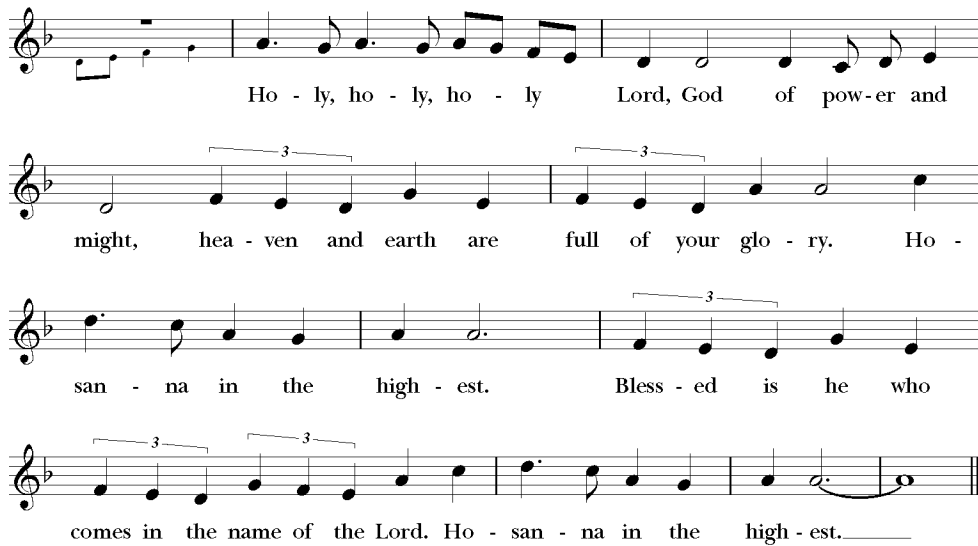
PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...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:





CELEBRANT: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

ALL: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;



CELEBRANT: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.**

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Songs of the Table: **“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”**

St. Margaret

“Revelation Song”

Riddle



CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

ALL: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Song of Dismissal: **“There is a Higher Throne”**

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THE DISMISSAL

DEACON: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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Formation with Fr. Ken,
Deacon Drew or Adam
Weekly, 10:00 am, Parlor

Children's Ministry Meet &
Greet
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10/1, 6:00 pm

Blessing of the Animals &
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10/5, 9:00 am

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10/10-10/11

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