



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*
THE REVEREND ABBOTT BAILEY, *Assisting Priest*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*
ABBY MERK, KEVIN CRILEY, *Seminarians*
Childcare is available in the nursery

PRELUDE *Arioso*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 475

God himself is with us

Tysk

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God heav'n-ly King, al -
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
glo - ry. Lord, Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on_ us_ have
mer-cy on_ us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
ceive_ our prayer, re- ceive our_ prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone_ are_ the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. 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?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? 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.**

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before communion.

PSALM 79 (Sung by the Choir)

Anglican Chant: Richard Clarke

- 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 neighbors, *
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 Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

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 people stand and sing

HYMN 488

Be thou my vision

Slane

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say
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.

The people may kneel or stand
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor In the beginning,

People **God was.**

Intercessor Here and now,

People **God is.**

Intercessor In the future,

People **God will be.**

The response to each petition begins with "God, Giver of life,"
People **Hear our prayer.**

All pray
THE CONFESSION

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.

The Celebrant says

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on 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.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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: God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; 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.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us stewards of your 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.**

Celebrant: 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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: 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 FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and 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.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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. **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.

AGNUS DEI FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world: give us your
peace; Je - sus re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Love divine, all loves excelling

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Ned Rorem (1923-1922)

HYMN AT COMMUNION 676

There is a balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

THE CLOSING HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In honor of Christ Church's Facilities Assistants - Glenn, Kevin, and Van

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Barbara Johnson, Donald O'Born

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, Michael Barrett, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Ken Barry, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Hadley Kimberlin, Anthony Graves-Buckingham, Stephen Modlin, Phil Lyons, Judy Meade, Tim Truxell, Benjamin Ens, Sam Brathwaite, Kimberly Richmond, Jan Greco, Lawrence Fedewa, Chris Feuall, Ted Gustin, Kevin Harkins

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For inclusion on the prayer list, please submit names to PastoralCare@ccalex.org or 703.778.4936.

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