

The Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025  
10:30 a.m.



St. Peter's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church  
1954 Spillway Road  
Brandon, Mississippi

The Very Rev. Carol Mead  
Rector

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Procession into the Church*

Hymnal # 688

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.**

**And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. Lord  
 God heaven-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; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa-ther: 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 Spi-rit, 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.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

### The First Reading: 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!

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

***The Response: 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 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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Epistle: 1 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.

*People*                   The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

*Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

*Refrain*           **A-le-lu-ia, a-le-lu-ia, a-le-lu-ia! a-le-lu, a-le-lu-ia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *refrain***

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*The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13*

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."

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

*The Sermon*—The Very Rev. Carol Mead

*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.

*Prayers of the People—Form III*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Brian our Bishop, Dorothy our Bishop-elect, Carol our Priest, for our brothers and sisters in the Methodist church; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We remember the people suffering in the Ukraine and in the Middle East.  
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died.

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### *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 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.

Celebrant     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### *Offertory*

### *Presentation of our Gifts*

### *The Doxology*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**



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.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

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.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

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.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

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:

*The Sanctus*

*Marilyn Swingle"*

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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 many 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,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

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.

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

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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Fraction Anthem*

*Eat This Bread*

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

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*Communion Hymns*

*Make Me A Servant*

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.**

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*I Love You, Lord*

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you, O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

**Singing Alleluia! Alleluia, praise and worship to your name.  
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia, Praise and worship to your name.**

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*Come to Me*

**Come to me, all those who are weary,  
all those who are troubled and oppressed.  
Take my yoke and learn of me, and I, yes, I will give you rest.**

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*Postcommunion Hymn*

*Shout To The Lord*

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you;  
all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
nothing compares to the promise I have in you!**

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*Postcommunion Prayer*

**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*

*Procession into the World*

Hymnal # 615

*Thy Kingdom Come*

**"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:**

**the day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might, and ev'ry hurt be healed;**

**when knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;  
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.**

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*The Dismissal Response*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**