

# Holy Eucharist

## Rite II



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Rev. Robert Odom, Celebrating  
September 21, 2025**

*The altar flowers are given by Lynn Scruton  
in memory of her husband, Joe Hayes.*

# The Word of God

## Opening Hymn

*God of grace and God of glory* 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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## The Opening Acclamation

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

## The Collect of 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 the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Gloria

*Hymnal S-277*



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,



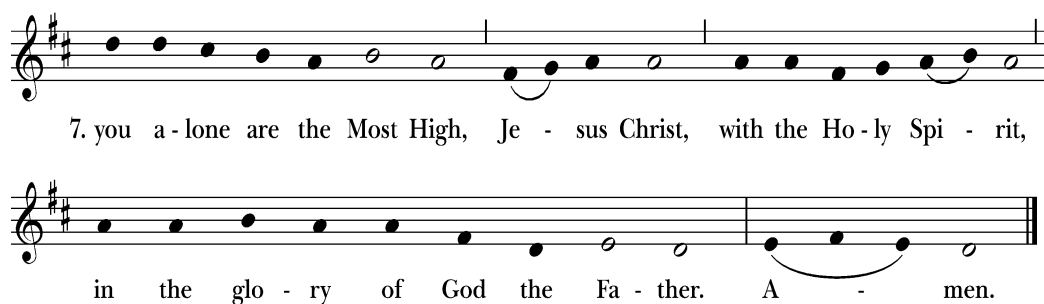
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



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,



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## 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.*

## First Lesson

**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.

*After the reading, the lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## 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.

## Second Lesson

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

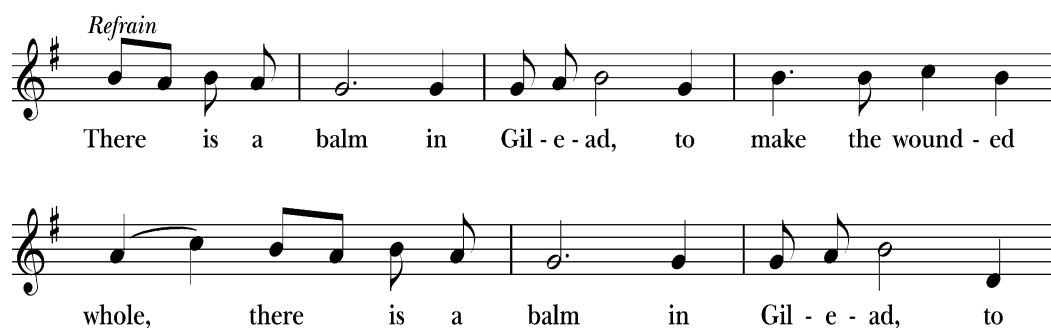
First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires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

*After the reading, the lector says*

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

## Sequence Hymn

*There is a balm in Gilead 676*  
*Vs. 1, Gospel, vs. 2*



heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but  
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the

Repeat Refrain  
Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Gospel Lesson

## Luke 16:1-13

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."

*After the Gospel, the Deacon or Celebrant says*

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

## **The Sermon**

## **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 VI**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our bishops, for our supply priests, and for all bishops and other ministers,

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (including the birthdays of [\_\_\_\_\_] and the anniversaries of [\_\_\_\_\_].)

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,] that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

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.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

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.*

## **The Peace**

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

## **The Announcements**

Sunday, 9/21	9:30a	Goodbye Reception for Jones'
	9:45a	Adult Lectionary Discussion Children's Sunday School
	12:00p	Conversations Exploring Cultural Perspectives
	5:00p	St. Francis Animals
	6:00p	Yoga
Wednesday, 9/24	12:00p	Morning Prayer Service
	12:30p	Bible Study
	2:00p	Grief Support Group
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Thursday, 9/25	1:00p	Balance Class
	5:30p	Handbell Practice
Saturday, 9/27	4:00p	Serendipity Luau at Kraus/Cabell

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, 9/28	9:45a	Adult Lectionary Discussion Children's Sunday School
Wednesday, 10/1	12:00p	Morning Prayer Service
	12:30p	Bible Study
	2:00p	Grief Support Group
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Thursday, 10/2	1:00p	Balance Class
	5:30p	Handbell Practice
Saturday, 10/4	8:30a	Breakfast for All
	9:00a	DOK/Men's Group Meetings
	10:00a	Church Under a Bridge Lunch Prep

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, 10/7      6:00p   National Night Out Neighborhood Event  
Saturday, 10/11    10:30a   Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday, 10/12      9:30a   Vestry/Delegate Elections  
                             12:00p   Newcomer's Luncheon

### **Prayer for a New Rector**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on St. Francis and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for your ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Kids Prayer for St. Francis**

Our Creator God in Heaven, we love you. We come to you at this time asking for you to keep our friends, family, and people we love safe and healthy. Help us care for one another and for those in need. Come and fill our hearts with care, happiness, love and joy. With gladness and loving hearts, we pray to you, Jesus, Our Savior. Amen

### **Prayer 51. For a Birthday**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Prayer for St. Francis**

Heavenly Father, we come to you at this time, seeking your perfect plan for St. Francis. We seek your wisdom, discernment, and guidance as to how we may serve you best and to your glory. Make us a church where your Son, Jesus, is lifted up as Lord and Savior and where the healing power and presence of the Holy Spirit is known. Even as your people trusted in you to bring them to the Promised Land, we look to you as God and Father to lead us in all things. We trust you to bring to us the people and resources to help us accomplish your work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

#### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

## **The Sanctus**

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*The following is sung or said, all standing.*

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.\_\_\_\_\_

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we  
had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of  
us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ. 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 forever.  
*AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

## The Fraction

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*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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.

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*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

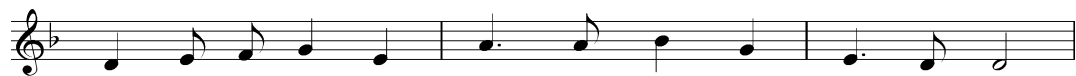
*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people.  
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

## Communion Hymn

*What does the Lord require* 605



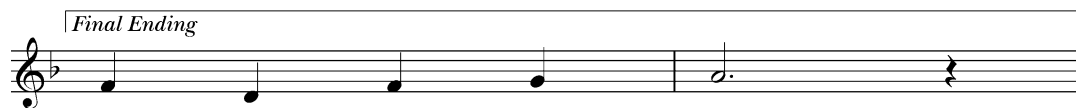
1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.  
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)



hum - bly walk with God.

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## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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 Priest may bless the people.*

## Closing Hymn

*O holy city, seen of John* 583



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,  
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain  
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood  
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,  
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,  
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,  
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!  
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"  
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.  
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

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*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*People* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*Thanks be to God.*