

Fifteenth Sunday
after
PENTECOST

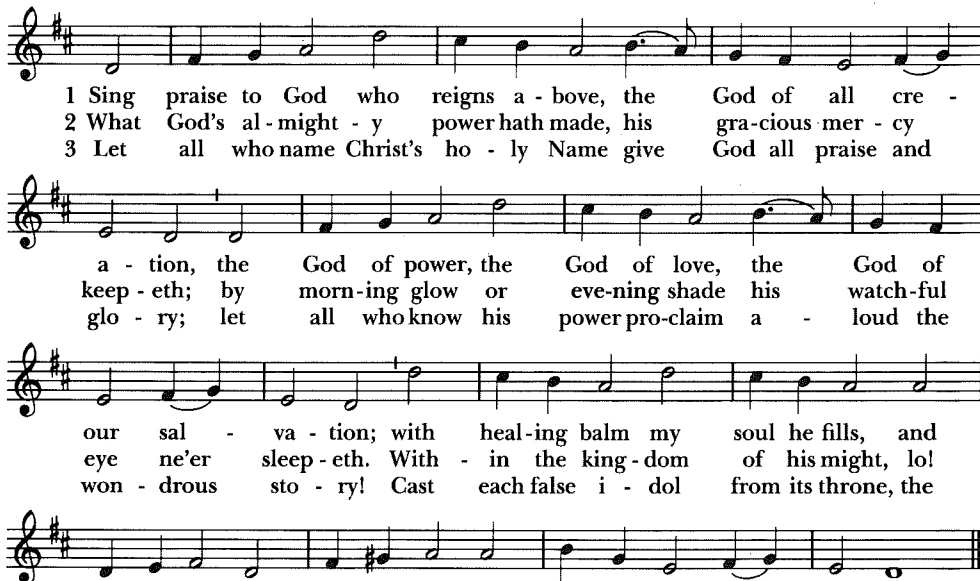


September 21, 2025
Holy Eucharist
Proper 20



WELCOME

Hymn 408 *Sing praise to God who reigns above*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529;

adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel
des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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Opening Acclamation

celebrant

Bless-ed be God: most holy, glorious, and undi-vi-ded Tri-ni-ty.

people

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ev - er. A- men.

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.

Song of Praise • S 280

Gloria in excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 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, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

celebrant *people* *celebrant*

God be with you. And also with you. 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.

A - men.

- *all be seated*

First Reading 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 • *sung by the choir*

Ray Francis Brown

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

Second Reading 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.

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Thanks be to God.

Hymn 605 *What does the Lord require*



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Rul - ers 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.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (b. 1901), alt.

Music: *Sharpthorne*, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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Gospel Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley

Nicene Creed • *all stand*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 • Common Worship, The Church of England

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Terry our Bishop.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world, for its peoples for whom his blood was shed, and for our nation and all in authority.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours, especially for the birthdays of Kent Echler, Mildred Franks and Chase Durnil and the anniversary of Jim Walsh and Marie Eff.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of many kinds, especially Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Ginger Shackleton, Joy Stultz and Dean Weller.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for all who have trusted Christ's promise, to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and drink his blood.

In faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

• *the celebrant concludes*

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Confession • *bidden by the deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

• *said by all*

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 our Savior 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.

Absolution • *declared by the celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *I Will Arise*

arr. Parker/Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of poudest praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language

celebrant people

God be with you. And al - so 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.



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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

OR

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Sanctus S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Great Amen



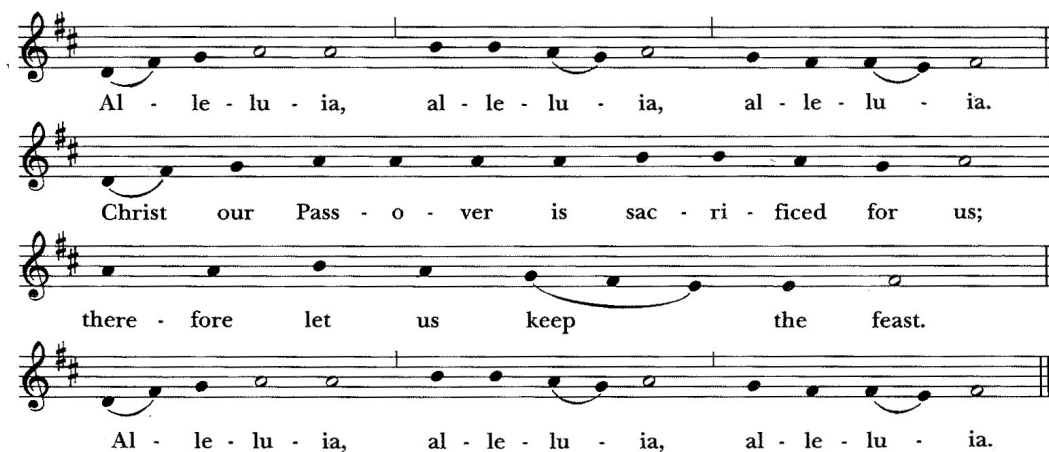
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem • S 154



Setting: From *New Plain-song*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Hymn 488 *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
 tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

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- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen

Concluding Hymn 601*O day of God, draw night*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains five more verses. The music is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment is simple, with chords and single notes supporting the vocal lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with some words hyphenated across lines.

1 O day of God, draw night in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw night as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Words: Robert Balmie Young Scott (b. 1899)

Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Op. 55, No. 7*

Flor Peeters

serving today . . .

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*

Mike Wright, Dorothy Converse, *lectors*

Susan Shockey, *intercessor*

Dorothy Converse, Page Curry, Brenda Runner, Tim Tice, *eucharistic ministers*

Hunter Lumbatis, Carolyn VanZant, Graham Whatley, *acolytes*

Bill Shelton, *altar guild*

Lee Cochran, Sissy Lanier, Susan Wettle, *greeters/ushers*

Louise Isaacs, *bell ringer*

Dave Barbieri, *live stream*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15

Christ Church Cathedral Land Acknowledgement

Christ Church Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky gathers and stands on land which has been home, for over 11,000 years, to primarily Shawnee, Cherokee, Osage, Haudenosaunee Seneca, Hopewell and Adena peoples.

Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.





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→ *a church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city* ←

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