

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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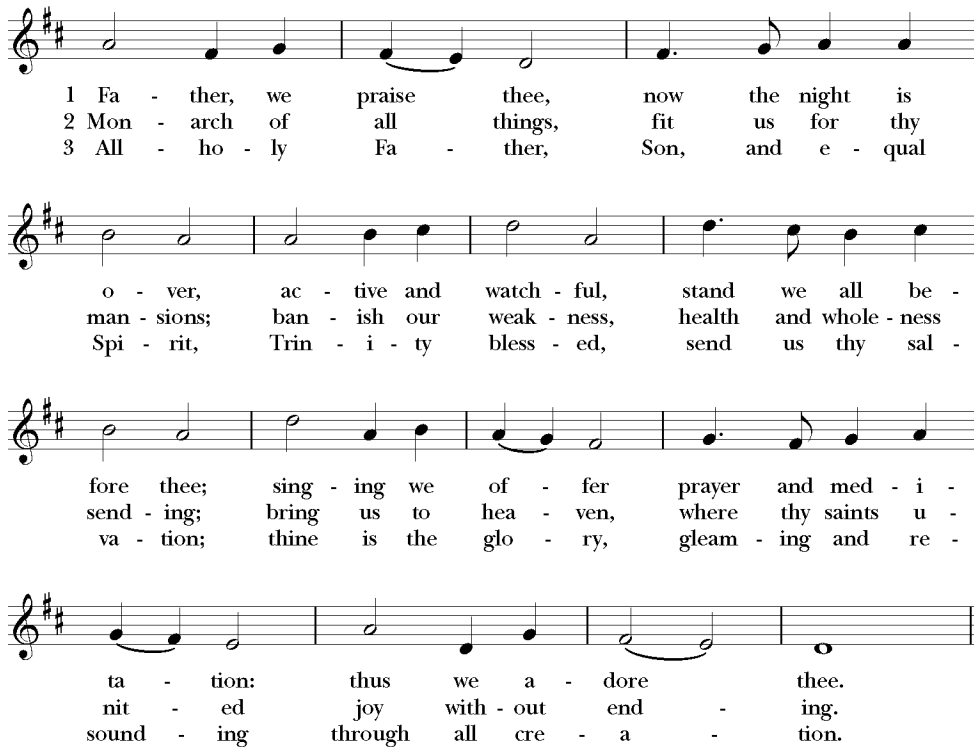
**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Dave & Cindy's anniversary and for all of our church family by Lloyd & Betty Bess.**

*This Week's Community Meal (9/2): Team Wray*

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn 1



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -  
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

*The service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

***Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

# A Song of Praise S236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
 hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,  
 you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

## Genesis 50:15-21

A Reading from Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So, they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 103:8-13

Arthur H. Mann  
(1849-1929)



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8 The LORD is full of com<sup>1</sup>passion and<sup>1</sup>mercy, \*  
slow to<sup>1</sup>anger and of<sup>1</sup>gr<sup>1</sup>eat<sup>1</sup>kindness.

9 He will not<sup>1</sup>always ac<sup>1</sup>cuse us, \*  
nor will he<sup>1</sup>keep his<sup>1</sup>anger for<sup>1</sup>ever.

†10 He has not dealt with us ac<sup>1</sup>cording to our<sup>1</sup>sins, \*  
nor rewarded us ac<sup>1</sup>cording<sup>1</sup> to our<sup>1</sup>wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are<sup>1</sup>high above the<sup>1</sup>earth, \*  
so is his mercy<sup>1</sup>great upon<sup>1</sup>those who<sup>1</sup>fear him.

12 As far as the<sup>1</sup>east is from the<sup>1</sup>west, \*  
so far has he re<sup>1</sup>moved our<sup>1</sup>sins<sup>1</sup>from us.

13 As a father<sup>1</sup>cares for his<sup>1</sup>children, \*  
so does the LORD<sup>1</sup>care for<sup>1</sup>those who<sup>1</sup>fear him.

## Second Reading

## Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also, those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." "So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

## Sequence Anthem: *Deep River*

*arr. John Leavitt*

## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 18:21-35

*All stand.*

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out,

came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** *page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*All stand, as the People and Celebrant say together.*

**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 II

page 385 in the Book of Common Prayer

*People kneeling, as able, the Leader and People pray responsively*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Larry, our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for John Dempsey, Machel Christianen, Anna Mae McSpadden, Sarah Drake, Tammy Kipfer, Russell Pfitzner, Bob Purnell, Louis Kealer, Dorla Guenzel, Joan Davidson, Betsy Benton, and Jamie Bridgers.

I ask your prayers for those for whom our prayers have been requested: Jamie, Janice, James Melton, Donald Linn, Hayden Cockrill, Wanita Ring, Ricky Pride, Charlotte Franklin, Wyatt, Marcheta, Josefina & Roumaldo Martinez, Conroy, Jim H., Kenny, Steve, Teresa, Bobby Barnum, Terri Presley, James, Kathryn, Hunter, Isabella Floyd, Mat, Dana, Anna, Stacey Lindsey, Jennifer, Andrew, Donna Smith and Tom & Kathy Celestine.

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES this week, especially, Jim McDonald, Peyton Olson, Lee Conditt, Steve Massey, Michelle Warden, Lee & Sabrina Conditt and Fred & Jo Krug.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession

page 360 in the Book of Common Prayer

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

## **Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem:** *Ave Verum corpus*

*W. A. Mozart*

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with an Offertory sentence.*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

*page 361 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*The people remain standing*

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 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. 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.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S130**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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 to 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

*page 366 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Let us pray.

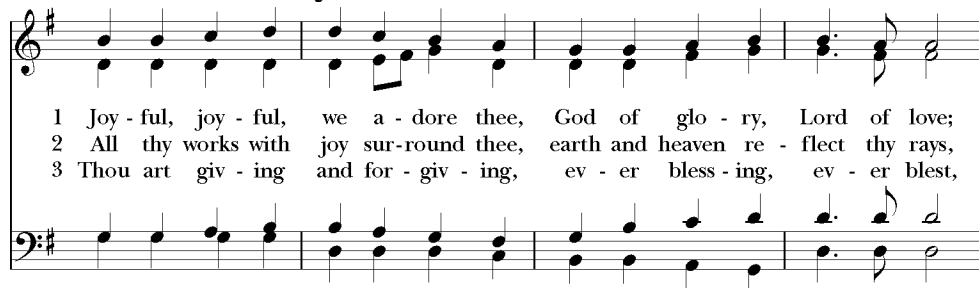
*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

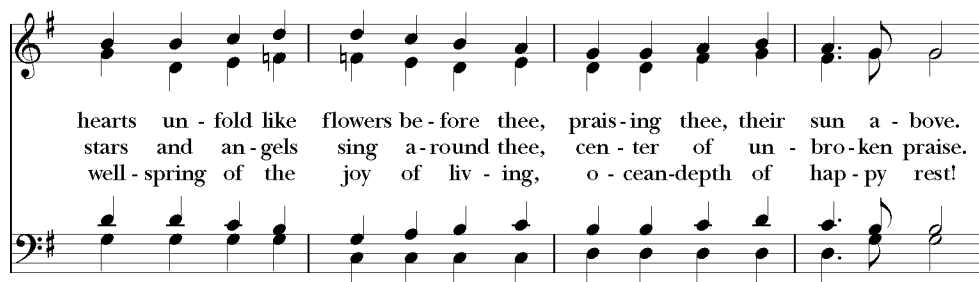
## **Blessing**

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and; the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

## Post Communion Hymn: 376



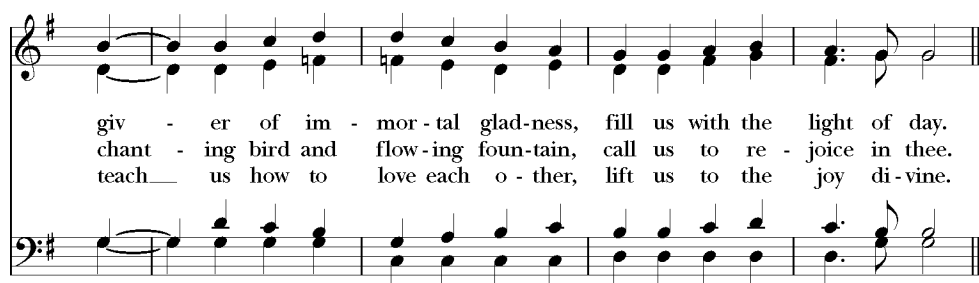
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* *Thanks be to God.*