



## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10am

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

~ James 1:27

### Prelude

### Entrance Hymn

#518 ~ *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

**Leader:** We are gathered to celebrate life's great gifts-  
**People:** To worship the Lord who is the source of them all;  
**Leader:** That the ears of us deaf may be opened-  
**People:** To hear the words of truth and beauty;  
**Leader:** That the tongues of us mute may be loosed-  
**People:** To speak the words of love and duty.  
**All:** The Lord seeks us. Come, let us seek the Lord.

### Opening Sentences

O Lord our God, you do nothing without declaring the good news through your servants. We thank you for the gift of language and for your willingness to engage us in dialogue. We thank you especially for your word made flesh in Jesus Christ-the word that clarifies all your other words. We pray that, in the quiet of this holy place and time, you will speak your clarifying word to us. **Amen.**

### The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### The Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### Old Testament

[Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23](#)

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.  
The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 125

#### *Qui confidunt*

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem; \***  
**so does the LORD stand round about his people,**  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 **Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \***  
**and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

### The Epistle

#### James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### Gospel Hymn

#488 ~ *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### The Gospel

[Mark 7:24-37](#)

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

Let us pray to the God of mercy, through our savior, Jesus Christ, Saying, O Lord, plead our cause. Your name is good.

God our maker, you surround your people with favor and goodness. You have chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to inherit your promised kingdom through our Lord Jesus Christ, who heals the afflicted and sets the oppressed free. In your mercy, open our mouths in intercession as we bow at your feet on behalf of the church, the creation, and all those in need.  
O Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Open your church to welcome and honor the poor, meeting their needs with faith-filled deeds of love and generosity.  
O Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Uphold the land and those who labor to cultivate it, that both crops and people may be sustained by your love and overflow with the blessings of your generous provisions.  
O Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Establish justice for the poor, relief for the afflicted and compassionate care for the physically and mentally ill.  
O Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

May we respect the dignity of all those who struggle, showing your kindness to those in need.  
O Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Open our ears to hear the cry of the poor. Open our mouths to advocate for the afflicted. Open our hands to lift up those who are pressed down. Open our hearts to share generously with those who lack, especially those we remember now aloud and in our hearts (we remember especially....)

○ Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Bless the faithful poor and afflicted who have passed into your presence today to receive the rich inheritance you have prepared for them in your kingdom, especially James & Doris Smith.

○ Lord, plead our cause. **Your name is good.**

Let us confess our sins to the One who hears our voice and is deeply moved by our distress.

*Silence*

*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 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.

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

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.  
Amen.

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

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.*

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

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:

*Officiant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Officiant* 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,

### The Lord's Prayer

**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

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

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Officiant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

## Distribution of Communion

### Communion Anthem

### Post-communion Prayer

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*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.**

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

#376 ~ *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

## Dismissal

*Officiant*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Postlude

### Weekly Prayer List

The Peoples of Afghanistan and Haiti, Kent Aston, Maureen Burke, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Jim Errico, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Sandy Hoelzl, Janet Horrigan, Jean Kelly-Smith, Jerry Smith, (Baby) Autumn Ladder-Bush, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Lisa Lancaster, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Gordon Noseworthy, Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Bo Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Meghan Tapley, Walter, and Rachel.

## Announcements

### Compline

Just a reminder: we will gather virtually for a 15 minute service of Compline on Wednesday evenings at 8:45pm. If you did not receive the emailed link sent last week, please contact the office.

### Gifts to ALS

Update: we are grateful for the \$422.00 donated in August and hope more donations will come in during Sept. ~ Thank you, Julia Aston

### Lobster Roll Sale

Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 7am - Noon  
\$12.00 per roll

**Order deadline:** Tuesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm

Includes one lobster roll, a bag of chips, condiments, and a brownie.

**Email or call office:** StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com or 781-233-1242

Orders must be picked up by 12pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> - free local delivery for orders of 5 or more.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge ~ Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Elizabeth Littlehale, Worship Leader

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