

# **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 5, 2021      10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**     *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*     Rachel C.

## Words of Welcome and Introduction

## Confession

Faithful and just God,

**We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change us, that we may know your abundant life in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

## ***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

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All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**Text:** William Kethe; **Music:** Louis Bourgeois

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Canticle of Praise**

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**Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.**

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Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
And honor and blessing and glory are his.   **Refrain:**

Sing with all the people of God  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
To God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, *Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.*

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of

water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading – James 2:1-10**

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.

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**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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**Gospel – Mark 7:24-37**

From there he 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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Even the Dogs*

Pr. Mandsager

***Healer of Our Every Ill***

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**Refrain:**

**Healer of our every ill,  
Light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear,  
And hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.     **Refrain:**

In the pain and joy beholding  
How your grace is still unfolding,  
Give us all your vision, God of love.     **Refrain:**

Give us strength to love each other,  
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.     **Refrain:**

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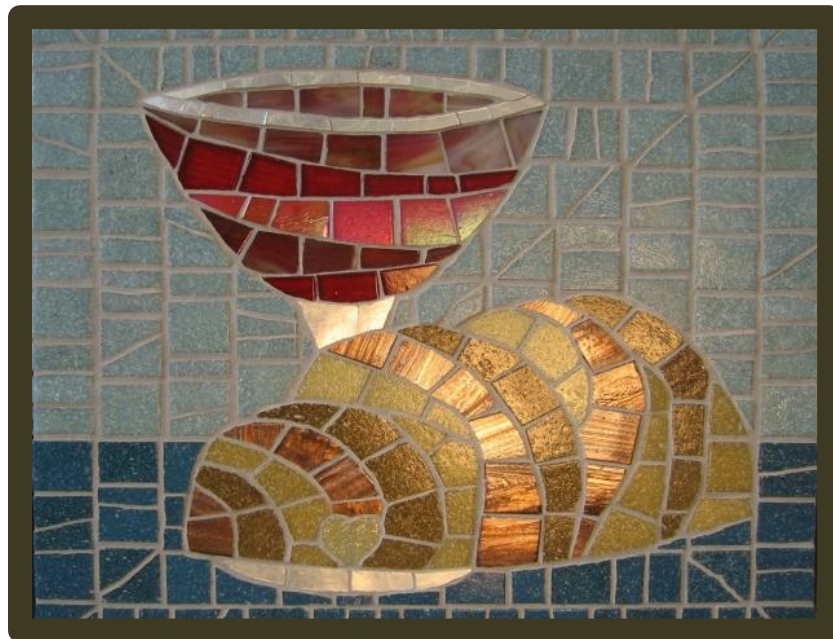
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You who know each thought and feeling,  
Teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.     **Refrain:**

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**Prayers of the Church**                      Hope for the Broken Hearted,  
alt.  
**Offertory** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* Rachel C.

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE





## **Invitation and Instruction for Communion at Home**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

Let us pray.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Communion Distribution**

#### **Communion Song**

*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

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### Prayer

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy. **Amen.**

### ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation***

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life, and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

## **Blessing**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, Word of Life, bless you and send you to be his witness.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you and comfort you. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## **Postlude**

*Variation on Old Hundredth*

Rachel C.

**We extend a warm welcome and our gratitude to  
Rachel Coltvet  
who shares her ministry of music with us this morning.**



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