



Grace Church in the Mountains

September 22, 2019 | 10:30 am



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDA!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio and visual aids, as well as "worship bags" for children, are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

(Annually discerned by the lay leadership team)

- To steward God's creation faithfully.
- To develop a vibrant ministry to children, youth, and young adults.
- To enhance our ministries to meet the needs of seniors

PRELUDE
Coates

Prelude in G by William J. Hopkins

Scott

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Word of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people stand.

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Haywood

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord, we praise your ho-ly Name;
glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord, we praise your ho - ly Name. — Glo-ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and
Fa-ther: we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo-ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: Glo - ry,
glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord, we praise your ho - ly Name; — glo-ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu -
jah, Lord, we praise your ho - ly Name. — You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are — the Lord. You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord, we praise your ho-ly Name;
— Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord, we praise your ho - ly Name. A - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.*

The Lessons *You may be seated.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,

and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night

for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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The psalm follows the eight chords which appear above. We change to the next chord at the beginning of each verse, half verse (*), and at each word with a slash before it. If a + appears before the last verse, we chant using the last two measures above.

Psalm 79:1-9

- ¹O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy/temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of/rubble.
- ²They 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.
- ³They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je/rusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴We have become a reproach to our/neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those a/round us.
- ⁵How long will you be angry, O/LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for/ever?
- ⁶Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not/known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your/Name.
- ⁷For they have devoured/Jacob *
and made his dwelling a/ruin.
- ⁸Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to/meet us; *
for we have been brought very/low.
- ⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your/Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your/Name's sake.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from the letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN #676

There is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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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:
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing or kneel.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, José; 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 [especially *please add names here.*],

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 _____ *the intercessor adds names from our parish prayer list and pauses for the congregation to add names aloud.*

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ *the intercessor may offer and thanksgiving and pauses for the congregation to give thanks aloud.*

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 Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Presider 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 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

All stand.

Presider 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

The People may be seated.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says this or something similar:

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be,
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve the faithfully.

As the ushers come forward with the people's offering, all stand and sing:

PRESENTATION HYMN

Let us break bread together (v. 1)

C. Haywood

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; ___
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; ___

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; ___
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; ___

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. ___

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

- Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high est.

- Bless-ed (is the he) who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

- Ho - san - na in the high - -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

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 & Invitation

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you forward to receive the body and blood. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION HYMN #707 Take my life, and let it be consecrated

Hollingside

Please stand.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

When scheduled.

Deacon In the name of our parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that {N.} to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying this or something similar:

Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN #594 God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune by William Boyce

Scott Coates

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