

**The Liturgy for the
Proclamation of the Word of God and
Celebration of Holy Communion**

9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2015

On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it – Psalm 118:24

All are welcome to this time of worship where together we experience the presence of God. As you enter into worship please be mindful of others in prayer, saving conversation for after worship. Please silence all electronic devices. Please inquire of an usher for any assistance.

Voluntary

Elegy

Thalben-Ball

Processional Hymn 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Gloria S-277

Collect of the Day

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

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.

All sit.

Lesson

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 Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

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

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

**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.**

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

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

Lesson

James 2:1-10, 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. 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.

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

Holy Gospel

All stand.

Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, LORD Christ.

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 Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, LORD Christ.

Sermon

Rick Vinson

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the LORD?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

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Peace

Offertory Anthem

O Christ, the healer

Kedron

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer Form 2

BCP p. 404

*All are invited to receive communion. This is the LORD's Table. All who hear His call, come and partake of this holy meal.
Some may choose to receive the bread only or to have a blessing. Please indicate this to the communion minister.*

Sanctus S-130

Communion Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

*Prayers of the healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing with oil are offered during communion.
Those desiring prayers are invited to come to place of intercession either before or after receiving communion.*

Following communion and prayers for healing the congregation will say:

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Post Communion Hymn 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Announcements

Those who wish to make an announcement, gather at the piano, step to microphone, state your name and make announcement clearly and briefly.

Dismissal

Voluntary

Fugue in D minor

Mendelssohn
