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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM RITE II



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 372*
Praise to the living God!

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION *BCP 355*
Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA *BCP 356*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

The Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lessons
(please be seated.)

Old Testament
Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum*

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever
and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter
of your kingdom; you love righteousness
and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed
you *
with the oil of gladness above your
fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with
myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory
palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the
ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen, adorned
with the gold of Ophir.

The Epistle **James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every
perfect gift, is from above, coming down
from the Father of lights, with whom there
is no variation or shadow due to change.
In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave
us birth by the word of truth, so that we
would become a kind of first fruits of his
creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let
everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak,
slow to anger; for your anger does not
produce God's righteousness. Therefore
rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank
growth of wickedness, and welcome with
meekness the implanted word that has the
power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely
hearers who deceive themselves. For if
any are hearers of the word and not doers,
they are like those who look at themselves
in a mirror; for they look at themselves
and, on going away, immediately forget
what they were like. But those who look

into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and
persevere, being not hearers who forget
but doers who act—they will be blessed in
their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not
bridle their tongues but deceive their
hearts, their religion is worthless. 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Hymnal 423*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the
scribes who had come from Jerusalem
gathered around him, they noticed that
some of his disciples were eating with
defiled hands, that is, without washing
them. (For the Pharisees, and all the
Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly
wash their hands, thus observing the
tradition of the elders; and they do not eat
anything from the market unless they
wash it; and there are also many other
traditions that they observe, the washing
of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the
Pharisees and the scribes asked him,
“Why do your disciples not live according
to the tradition of the elders, but eat with
defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah
prophesied rightly about you hypocrites,
as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from
me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as
doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Bishop Marty Stebbins

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

O God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that her members, ministers, and ministries may be agents of your forgiveness and grace.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, our leaders, and all who labor to make this country free, and a haven of blessing, justice, and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, that you would pass through our lands and once again bring freedom and life for all your children.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the suffering, the fearful, and all who live in the wake of terror.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful departed, that now wearing the armor of light they may rest forever in your peace and presence.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that you would be present with those who work by day, and those who work by night; those who work near, and those whose work carries them far away;

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN ***BCP 360***

Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the

days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *Hymnal 549*
Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

THE DOXOLOGY
Please stand, as you are able.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP 361*

THE SANCTUS *BCP 362*

THE CONSECRATION *BCP 362*
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP 364*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP 364*

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those attending remotely)*

In union, O Lord, with thy faithful people at every altar of thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to thee praise and thanksgiving. I remember thy death, Lord Christ; I proclaim thy resurrection; I await thy coming in glory. Since I cannot receive thee today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with thy grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from thee. May I live in thee, and thou in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*

THE COMMUNION HYMN

#1 Hymnal 321
My God, thy table now is spread,

#2 Hymnal 301
Bread of the world, in mercy broken,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP 365*

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSING *BCP 366*

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 436*
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

THE DISMISSAL *BCP 366*
Please stand, as you are able.

POSTLUDE

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