

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, PA
September 1, 2024 9:00 a.m.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

(Our liturgy today is primarily taken from *Enriching Our Worship*,
an authorized supplement to *The Book of Common Prayer*.)

PRELUDE

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise

#423, v. 1-2 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 3 times*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL – **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 1 time*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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HOMILY

The Rev. Timothy A. Johnson +

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

(Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers and confession.)

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant In silence, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

A period of silence is observed.

Celebrant Lord Jesus, you are the living bread sent down from heaven;
Lord, have mercy

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Christ Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life;
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life;
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

THE PEACE *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Jesus is Lord
Leon Spencer, Bass

Joan & Wilson Somers

DOXOLOGY

(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)

*Hymn tune from # 380, v. 3 in the **Hymnal 1982** – blue hymnal*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving...

...we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent...

...and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine...

...Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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. 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.
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Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
#660 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss us with Thy blessing
#344 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant: The Reverend Timothy A. Johnson+, Rector
Lector: Monica Eboda
Eucharistic Minister: Branan Cooper
Usher: Pete Peterson, Suzanne Pusey
Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers
Director of Family Ministries: Benjamin Miller

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Suggested Summer Spiritual Practice from Rev. Tim:

The “Be Still” Prayer

“Be still and know that I am God.” - Psalm 46:10

To pray this prayer, take a deep breath, and visualize yourself in God’s loving, gracious presence. After a moment or two, say either aloud or in a whisper, “Be still and know that I am God.” Pause for a moment to rest in God’s presence. After a moment or two, say, “Be still and know that I am.” Pause for a moment to rest in God’s presence, and then say, “Be still and know.” Pause for a moment to rest in God’s presence, and then say, “Be still.” Pause for a moment to rest in God’s presence, and then say, “Be.”

This prayer is one that I use nearly every day. I find it particularly helpful when I am anxious, feeling unsettled, or overextended. I hope you find it helpful also! – Rev. Tim