



Church of the Messiah

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 18, 2022

8:30 and 10 o'clock in the morning

Prelude

“Paean”

by *Frederick M. Barnes*
(1915-2006)

Opening Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Lobe den Herren

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand [S 280]
of the Father;
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect of the day

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.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to Go**

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

²Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its going
down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits
enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and
the earth?

⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

⁷He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

⁸He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Reading is from the article, 'Ship as a Symbol of the Church,' by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

The ship [] was an ancient Christian symbol. It is the Church tossed on the sea of disbelief, worldliness, and persecution but finally reaching safe harbor with its cargo of human souls. Part of the imagery comes from the ark saving Noah's family during the Flood (1 Peter 3:20-21). Jesus protecting the Peter's boat and the apostles on the stormy Sea of Galilee (Mark 4:35-41). It was also a great symbol during times when Christians needed to disguise the cross, since the ship's mast forms a cross in many of its depictions.

"In the Apostolic Constitutions (II, xlvi) the bishop surrounded by the assembly of the faithful is compared to the helmsman of a ship; but the idea is as old as Tertullian [] and it was varied sometimes by comparing the Church to the Ark of Noah. In any case the ship was a recognized Christian symbol and Clement of Alexandria approved it for a signet ring. "Let the dove or the fish", he says, "the vessel flying before the wind, -- or the marine anchor be our signets" []). Numerous representations of ships, sometimes serving as the design for a lamp, with the figure of Christ or St. Peter as helmsman are preserved to us. The name which we still retain for the "nave" (French, nef) of a church bears testimony to the persistence of the same idea."

...In an illustration for Psalm 69 from the Belleville Breviary, chosen to accompany the sacrament of Confirmation, St. Peter lies in a boat on a storm-tossed sea while God blesses him from the heavens, symbolizing the soul's refuge in time of trial in the ship of the Church which is blessed by God. The final traditional symbolic meaning of the ship is a means of conveyance between this world and the next. In Christian tradition, in which earthly life was seen as a pilgrimage, the ship of the church transports the faithful through the seas of the world to the heavenly home...

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o’er the tu - mult
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life’s wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 3 of the vain world’s gold - en store; from each i - dol
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me;”
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
 4 cares and plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Celebrant
 People

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

Luke 16:1-13

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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain

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

Brothers and sisters, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. Let us pray, saying, “We bless your name, O Lord, *from this time forth forevermore.*”

We make our prayers for all Church leaders. May all those called to be heralds and apostles serve you, the Church, and the world in all godliness and dignity.

*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings,
followed by silence*

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

We make our prayers for leaders of nations and all who are in high positions. May they make laws that protect the poor and promote justice. Set their hearts on truth.

Silence

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

O God you created the heavens and the earth. Give us the courage and diligence to care for your creation. Grant us to live at peace and harmony with all the works of your hands.

Silence

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

God, we have had more than enough of violence and bloodshed. So let your compassion be swift to meet us. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against
you, opposing your will in our lives.***

***We have denied your goodness in each
other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.***

Silence

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

We pray for the poor and the needy. We thank you that you remember even those we too often ignore and disregard. Give us grace to proclaim to every person the good news of your love and faithfulness.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

We make our prayers for all who have died. We thank you that you sent Christ Jesus to humankind, that through him everyone might come to the knowledge of your eternal salvation.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

We bless your name, O Lord,
From this time forth forevermore.

***We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.***

***Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve
only your will. Amen.***

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Offertory Anthem

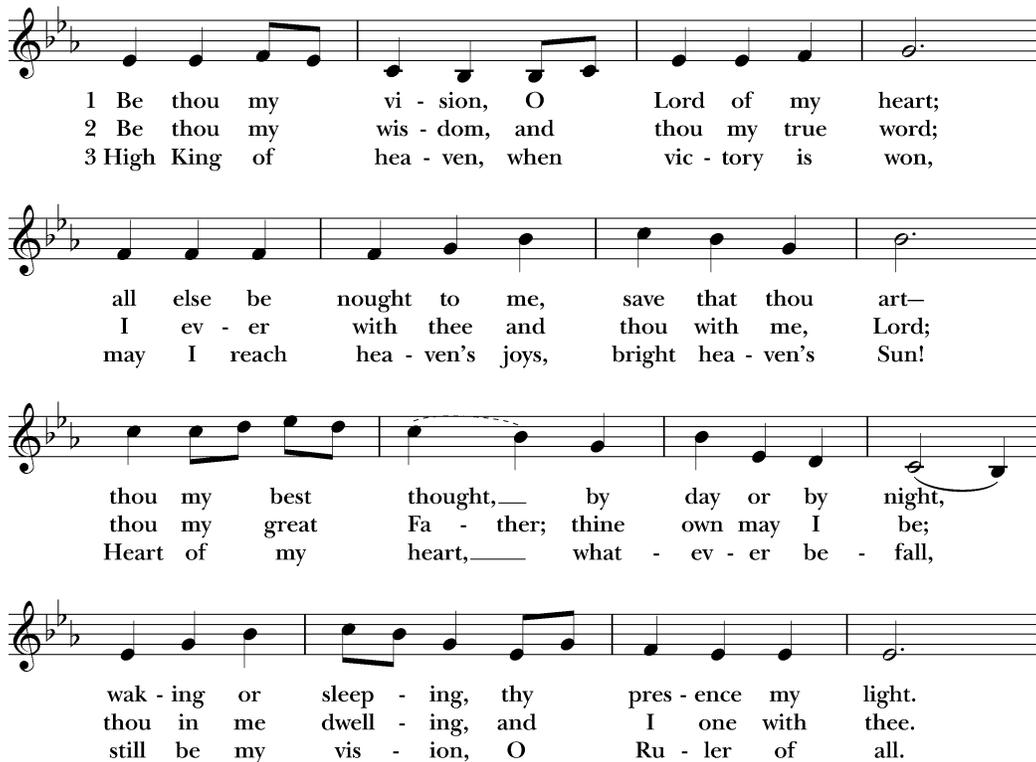
“Jubilate”

attrib. W. A. Mozart
Arr. by Alan Bullard

Offertory Hymn 488

“Be thou my vision”

Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

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***Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
from *the South African Book of Common Prayer (1989)*

*Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.*

*May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with
your saints,
I may praise you for ever. Amen.*

*(from the South African Book of
Common Prayer 1989. (recited by prisoners who
were unable to receive communion during
Apartheid)*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Communion. Due to the ongoing epidemic of COVID-19 we invite people to keep some distance from each other. As you come forward to received the consecrated elements, the body and blood of Christ, at this stage you may choose the receive the host (consecrated bread), and the consecrated wine, either by sipping from the Common Cup (larger chalice) or by 'intincting' (dipping the tip of your consecrated bread into the wine) in the smaller chalice. You may also choose to receive only the consecrated bread.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

*Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen*

Benediction

Closing Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

Cwn Rhondda

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

by David German
(b. 1954)

LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher		The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain
Organist		Brittany Lord
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Phil Alatalo Nawrie Meigs-Brown
Lectors	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Patti Dibella Denise Jay, Samuel Rhude
Prayers of the People	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Peg Nicholson John Holden
Ushers	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Peg Nicholson John Holden, Denise Jay
Altar Guild		Laura Kelly, Denise Jay Nancy Rea

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