

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**September 18, 2022**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

**Alton, Illinois**

**Prelude**

*Lob den Herr*

arr. D. Lowe

***The Hymnal 1982 #390***     *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

***People:***     *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280** *Canticle 20, Glory to God:*

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 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.***

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:***     *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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 Word of God**

**The Lessons** *Please sit.*

**A reading from the Book of Amos**

8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 113**

*The cantor will sing the first half of each verse, moving up one tone at the end of the half-verse. The Congregation and choir will sing the second half, moving down one tone at the end of the half-verse.*

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

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
*from this time forth for ever-more.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy**      1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, 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.***

**Hymn #488**      *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

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

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

The Gospel

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."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Cynthia A. Sever+

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

*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, Form III**

*BCP p. 387*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for +Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, +Michael, the Presiding Bishop, +Brian, our Bishop, Cindy+, our priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joseph, our president, J.B., our governor, the Congress, Legislatures and Courts, and for all those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Remembering especially

Kirk, Mike, Robin, Bianca, Michael, Darlene, Fran, Ryan, Albert, Audrey, Linda, Dave, Mary Lynn, Debra, Robert, Al, Ruth, Anne, Richard, Marie, Myrnelle, Mother Jane, Barb, Frank, John, Boyd, Don, Steve, Kevin, Crystal, Nathaniel, and those named before you at this time.....-

*Silence – The People may add their own petitions.....*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the homeless, all people suffering in the aftermath of natural disasters, those in the Ukraine, the victims, family, friends, and neighbors of those dealing with the grief, trauma, and anger caused by war, terrorism, mass shootings, domestic violence, and all others affected by racism, hatred and violence;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially Queen Elizabeth II and all those we love but see no longer. ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Remembering especially all those dear to us who have died; the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, and all the saints, we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

O Lord our God, help us to understand your will and your call to us to be your hands and heart and mind at work in the world, so we might have a positive impact for the spread of peace and love with your help.

***Lord, hear our prayer and direct our hearts.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Intercessions of the People are named at this time, either silently or aloud..*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

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.***

*The Deacon or Celebrant 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;***





*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant inserts a Proper Preface here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #130 The Holy Eucharist II,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord:**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People:*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung) **S # 119**

***Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be they 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



**Welcome to the Table!**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion, and everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing! If you are unable to come forward, raise your hand, and we will come to you.

**Communion Anthem**

*Slane*

arr. G. Young

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 Hymnal 1982 - #345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*Alla Marcia*

J. Battishill

## Calendar & Announcements for the Week of September 11 2022

Sunday, Sept. 18	8:30 a.m.	Mass at Trinity Chapel
	11 a.m.	Mass at St. Paul's
Monday, Sept. 19	7 p.m.	Mondays@7
Wednesday, Sept. 21	7 p.m.	Wednesday discussion group <b><u>live at St. Paul's</u></b>

### **SERVING TODAY**

Celebrant:	The Rev. Cynthia A. Sever
Organist:	Gay Anderson
Crucifer	Dereck Cook
Altar Acolyte	Marti LoRusso
Acolyte	Donna Fisher
Book Bearer/Chalice	Diane Martin
Intercessor	Robbie Cupp
Lector:	Tom Wrausmann
Altar Guild	Diane Martin

Please mark your calendars for the annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>! All pets will receive a St. Francis tag for their collar!