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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths. *Proverbs 3:3-6*

Confession and Absolution

Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *A Time of Silence*

We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed.

We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been devoted to the Lord and have not fully cherished the sacred writings of our faith. We have failed in ways of keeping our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. At times we have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We have broken the law of God by coveting that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and spoken the best of all people. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grants us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

♪ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

♪ Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

♪ Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

♪ Angels, help us to adore Him; You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading *Please Be Seated*

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale,

that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

⁶that we may buy the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all

submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

♪ What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

♪ Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

♪ Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 16:1–15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one

and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn *Music: “Hark the Glad Sound”, Hymn 349* “Where Lives Are Lived in Peacefulness”

♪ Where lives are lived in peacefulness And humbly in God’s sight
With charity and dignity, It is the Lord’s delight.

♪ Where prayers of thankfulness ascend For just authority
And people serve with Christ-like care, God promises to be.

♪ Where wife and husband with respect Their marriage vows maintain
In faith and love and holiness, God’s presence will remain.

♪ Where Gospel truth is known and shared And God is glorified,
With blessings, Christ our Savior comes Forever to abide.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Friend of Jesus”

Luke 16:1–13

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (v. 1)

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei *Music: “My Faith Looks,” Hymn 702*

♪ O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

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Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

♪ I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:
~Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

♪ Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. ~Lord,...

♪ Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy Lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art. ~Lord,...

♪ Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. ~Lord,...

♪ What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. ~Lord,....

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Dismissal

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Recessional Hymn

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven; My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given; My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven, The Father’s own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav’nly good.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given. His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.
- ♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living, To whom the heav’nly host
Their laud and praise are giving. The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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Postlude