



# The Holy Eucharist The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 21, 2025

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## CHORAL PRELUDE

*I will choose Christ*

Booth

## HYMN 375

*Give praise and glory unto God*

Du Lebensbrot

*Unison or harmony*

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;  
2 The host of hea - ven prais-eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;  
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er-more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious-ness con -  
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing  
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his  
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that  
wan - eth. Through all his king-dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.  
right-eous-ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you our 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.**

**GLORIA S 280**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Powell

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Page 234, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**

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!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**  
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*Psalm 79:1-9, Deus, venerunt*

BCP

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
 they have profaned your holy / temple; \*  
 they have made Jerusalem a heap of / rubble.  
 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the / air, \*  
 and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the / field.  
 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Je/rusalem, \*  
 and there was no one to / bury them.  
 4 We have become a reproach to our / neighbors, \*

an object of scorn and derision to those a/round us.

5 How long will you be angry, O / Lord? \*

will your fury blaze like fire for/ ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not / known you \*

and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your / Name.

7 For they have devoured / Jacob \*

and made his dwelling a / ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins;

let your compassion be swift to / meet us; \*

for we have been brought very / low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your / Name; \*

deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's / sake.

## A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER 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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 582

*O holy city, seen of John*

Sancta Civitas

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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."

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

**SERMON**

The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

*A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

**THE NICENE CREED**

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for your holy Church throughout the world: for those who lead, teach, and serve in Christ's

name; especially the Anglican Diocese of Garissa, Kenya, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, St. Cuthbert and St. Dunstan's in Houston, St. James the Apostle in Conroe, St. Luke's in Livingston, and Southlake Boulevard Presbyterian.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, for Donald our President, Greg our governor, our state and local officials, and all who work for the good of others. Give them wisdom to seek justice, courage to protect the vulnerable, and compassion to serve with humility.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the cities and neighborhoods where we live. Bless our schools, workplaces, first responders, and all who volunteer for the well-being of others. We pray especially for Parkview Elementary, Parkwood Hill Intermediate, Pecan Trail Intermediate, and Pitt County Schools.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, lonely, anxious, or in any kind of need, especially those we now name. Surround them with your presence, strengthen them in body and spirit, and give them hope.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, [especially N.] Receive them into the joy of your eternal kingdom, and comfort those who grieve.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*After the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*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;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Have mercy on us and forgive us;  
That we may delight in your will,  
And walk in your ways,  
To the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        And also with you.

**OFFERTORY** *On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, loose offerings are designated for the Clergy benevolence fund.*

*Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).*



**OFFERTORY HYMN 475**

*God himself is with us*

Tysk

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**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3**

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!

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

Page 361 Book of Common Prayer

*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 our thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

**SANCTUS HYMN S 129**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Proulx

*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

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:

**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.**

### *Celebrant*

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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM S 153**

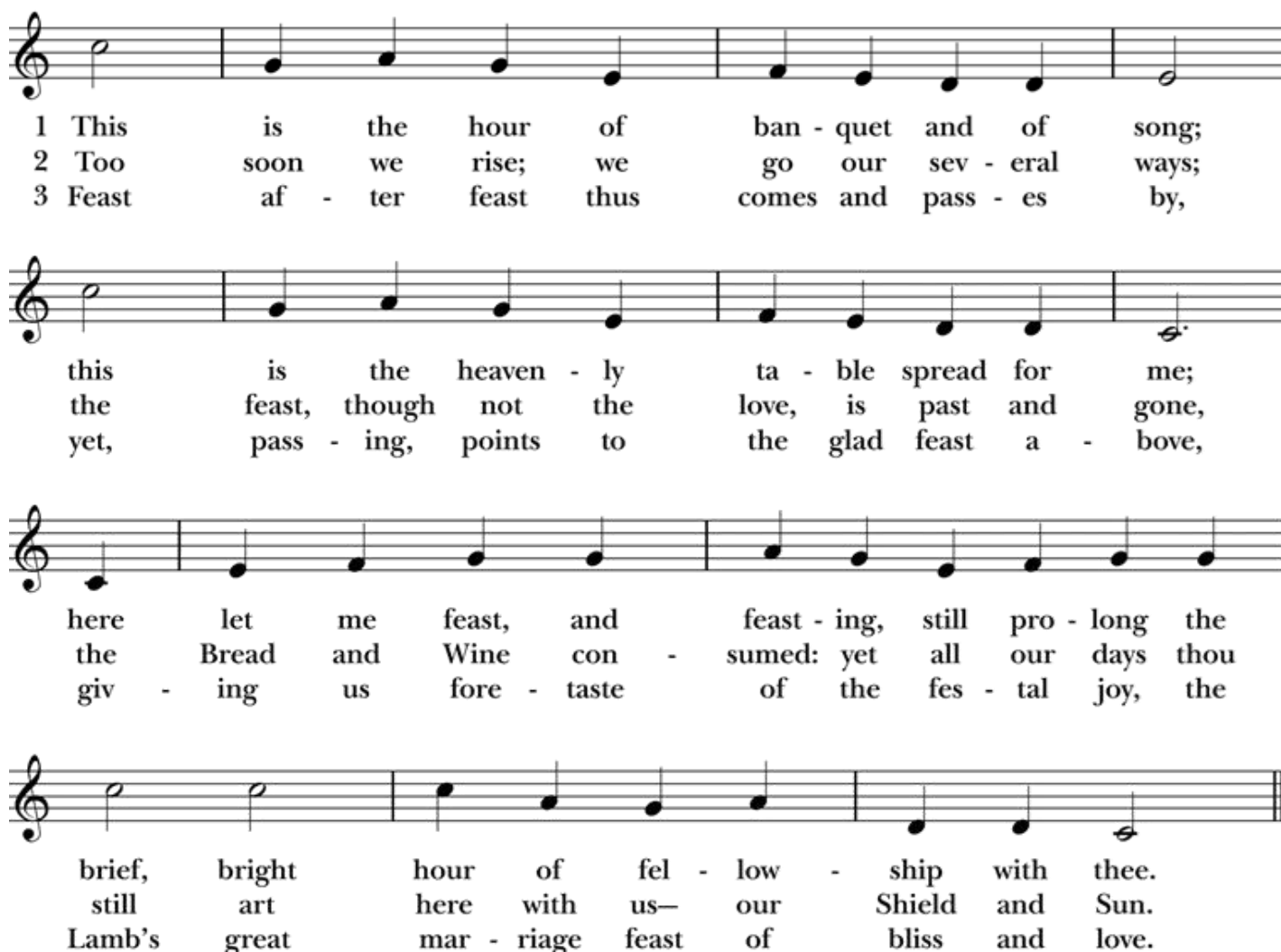
*Christ our Passover*

Martens

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
 3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,

here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the  
 the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou  
 giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the

brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.  
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

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**CHOIR ANTHEM***Give me Jesus*

Courtney

**SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*The People respond,*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*Celebrant and People together standing*



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.

# THE BLESSING

## HYMN 453

*As Jacob with travel was weary on day*

*Jacob's ladder*



1 As Ja - cob with tra - vel was wea - ry one day,  
 2 The lad - der is long, it is strong and well - made,  
 3 Come, let us a - scend! All may climb it who will,  
 4 And when we ar - rive at the ha - ven of rest,



at \_\_\_\_\_ night on a stone for a pil - low he lay;  
 has stood hun - dreds of years and is not yet de - cayed;  
 for the an - gels of Ja - cob are guard - ing it still;  
 we shall hear the glad words, "Come to me all the blest,



he \_\_\_\_\_ saw in a vi - sion a lad - der so high,  
 man - y mil - lions have climbed it and reached Zi - on's hill,  
 and re - mem - ber, each step that by faith we pass o'er,  
 here are re - gions of light, here are man - sions of bliss."



that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky:  
 man - y mil - lions by faith now are climb - ing it still:  
 man - y pro - phets and mar - tyrs have trod it be - fore:  
 Who would not want to climb such a lad - der as this:

### *Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia to Je - sus, who died on the tree



and has raised up a lad - der of mer - cy for me.



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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Trio Sonata #1 in Eb: 1st Movement*

Bach



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