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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

No gathering can be completely safe. Unvaccinated people remain susceptible to contracting COVID-19. Singing can increase transmission from infected individuals.

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

Holy Holy Holy - H. Livingston

GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCE

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. ~Habakkuk 2:20

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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The Officiant says to the people.

So now let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together,

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.

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (All)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

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VENITE

In unison

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HYMN #427 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

When morning gilds the skies

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¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

² The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

³ The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴ Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

⁵ As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

A READING FROM JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

CANTICLE 14 ~ A Song of Penitence *In unison*

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HYMN #660

O Master, let me walk with thee

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

CANTICLE 9 ~ *The First Song of Isaiah* *In unison* Pg. 86

REFLECTION AND A TIME OF SILENCE – *A bell will sound three times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *In unison* Pg. 96

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional* *In unison* Pg. 97

SUFFRAGES "A" *Responsively* Pg. 97-98

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY *In unison*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH *In unison* Pg. 817

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION *In unison* Pg. 832-33

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN. *Silence*

AS WE PRAY FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker, Cameron Klass, and Jack Tincher** ...

and those with special needs:

Mark Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Scott** Biesecker, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Will** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Robin** Sink, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

PIANO MEDITATION

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need - S. Wm. Flynn

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

In unison

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

~2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

Echo Fanfare - L. Smith

Service Leader: Kathie Goodman **Lector:** Lynn Meeks

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