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September 21, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Order of Service

Opening Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity	<i>BCP, p. 355</i>
<i>Gloria</i>	<i>Hymnal, S280</i>
The Collect of the Day	
Readings	
Sequence Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Gospel	
The Sermon	The Rev. Canon Kevin J. Moroney, PhD
The Nicene Creed	<i>BCP, p. 358</i>
Prayers of the People, Form VI	<i>BCP, p. 392</i>
Confession	<i>BCP, p. 360</i>
The Peace of the Lord	
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings	
Offertory Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Offertory	
The Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer A	<i>BCP, p. 361</i>
<i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Hymnal, S130</i>
<i>(Following the Sanctus, please kneel or sit, as you are able).</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	<i>BCP, p. 364</i>
The Breaking of the Bread	<i>BCP, p. 364</i>
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	<i>Hymnal, S164</i>
The Communion	
Communion Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
Post Communion Prayer	<i>BCP, p. 365</i>
The Blessing	
Dismissal Hymn	<i>See Hymn Board</i>
The Dismissal	
Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.	
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.

The 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.**

Old Testament - 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.

Psalms 113

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 evermore.

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.

The Epistle - 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 mankind, 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.

The Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

Response before the Gospel: 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."

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.