

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 1st, 2024



Organ Voluntary: Allegro in F

- F.J. Haydn

Opening Hymn: #372 Praise to the Living God

Invocation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all 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

WLP 900

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Book of Deuteronomy

4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise

and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 15 *(read by the congregation)*

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?

² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.

³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

⁷ Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

A Reading from the Letter of James

1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: #556 "Rejoice Ye Pure of Heart!"

The Gospel **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Frank

The Nicene Creed

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

EOW, Form I

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers saying, "Christ have mercy."

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean the Presiding Bishop-elect, for Bishop Jennifer, Fr Frank our Priest, Joan and Randy our Wardens and for the leaders and ministers of St. Christopher's, Carmel and the Rev'd Cara Spaccarelli. Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For this city of Indianapolis and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For those who travel, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our Prayer List. For **Justin, Kaitlyn, Taylor, Eric, Tiffany, Marjorie, Emma, Marilyn, Mollie, Abby, Larry, Amanda, Roger, Eva Mae, Troy, OJ, Alan, Lowell, Steve, Jan, Jim, Cecelia, Roger, Damon, Barbara, Sonia, Jon, Eli, Jane, Kevin, Heidi, Papa Ed, Judy and Cheryl.** *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* We pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed. *(Please add your own prayers in silence or by naming aloud those for whom you wish to pray).* Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. Let us pray. **Christ have mercy.**

In the communion of blessed Matthew and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: Allegro con brio in C

M. Clementi

Offertory response:

#380 vs 3 Old 100th

As the Ushers are passing the Collection Plate, please come forward with your gift for our Food Pantry donation and place it at the foot of the altar.

After the Presentation Hymn

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. All things come of thee oh Lord; **and of thine own have we given thee.**

Let us pray:

You are our Bread of Life that sustains us as we strive to be your disciples and build up Your kingdom on earth. As we are fed by You, may we feed those who are hungry for bread, for justice, for understanding, and for compassion. May we share your mercy and grace with all we meet. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**S-130**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider 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:

Presider and People

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

The Presider 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.**

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem:

S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins.

Have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world.

Give us your peace. Give us your Peace.

This table is for everyone. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, or if you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let one of the Ushers know.

Communion Hymn: #321 “My God Thy Table Now Is Spread”

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #423 "Immortal, Invisible"

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary:

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

If you wish to offer a memorial for Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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