

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 2, 2018

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

Preacher - The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Choral Dorian.....Jehan Alain

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #372 ~ Praise to the living God!.....Leoni

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant 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.*

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*


1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and


peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-


might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we


praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,


on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you


take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;


5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

The choir sings

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum*

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| <p>1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.</p> <p>2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips,
 because God has blessed you for ever.</p> <p>7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
 a scepter of righteousness is the scepter
 of your kingdom;</p> | <p>you love righteousness and hate iniquity.</p> <p>8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
 with the oil of gladness above your fellows.</p> <p>9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
 and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.</p> <p>10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
 on your right hand is the queen,
 adorned with the gold of Ophir.</p> |
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Setting: Ivor Algernon Atkins

THE SECOND LESSON ~ James 1:17-27

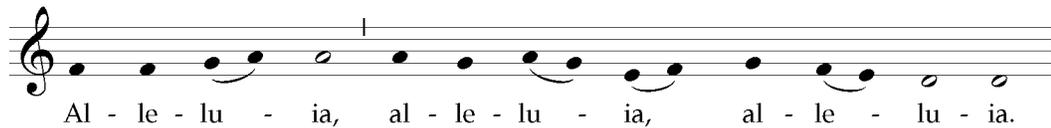
Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

Prayer Book, Page 388

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
 God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.
 God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

Words: Sarum Primer, 1514
 Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

COMMUNION HYMN #707 - Take my life, and let it be *Hollingside*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #541 - Come, labor on *Ora Labora*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY -

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 in thanksgiving for the Children of the Cathedral.*

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Formation for children resumes next Sunday, September 8, with *Ice Cream Sundae* in the Martin Room. Also, Canon Lowry's six-week study, *Religion and the Founding of the American Republic* will begin on Thursday, September 20 at 2:00 PM. Please see *The Canticle* for more details.

The Cathedral Key Card Entry System is ready to use. For the security of our staff and parishioners, in early October, new entry key cards will be issued to those who have keys - *current keys will not function as of October 8*. If you currently hold an external door key, you will be given a new key card. Please watch for updated information in the October *Canticle*.

Choral Evensong will be offered on Thursday, October 4 (*The feast of St. Francis of Assisi*) at 6:00 PM. Please join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Canon Precentor Emeritus, C. William (Bill) Ziegenfuss as Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. Bishop Brown will preach, and Bishop Thompson will join us as well. A reception will follow.

Volunteers Needed - The Rev. Jesse Abell, an Episcopal priest and doctoral student at Sewanee, is conducting a survey as part of his research for the DMin in Preaching program. He has designed an anonymous, online survey about preaching and needs volunteers to complete it. The survey will take about 25 minutes (and needs to be completed all at once) and can be taken from any computer, smartphone, or tablet with Internet access by going to the following link: www.ststeph.com/survey All responses are welcome, but those who are lifelong residents of New Orleans are especially needed.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is being continued. Bill Forman is seeking additional members for the Education for Ministry Group to continue in September at Christ Church Cathedral. The group is open to all denominations. EfM is a four-year study program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and The University of the South School of Theology. EfM provides an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of Christian Theology from the Old Testament to the present. The program also gives one a perspective to consider the possibilities of various ministries. EfM, founded in 1975, has thousands of graduates worldwide. The group will meet for two hours each week from September until May. For further information, please call Bill at 504-891-0524.

Cathedral Thrift Sale - Saturday, October 20, 2018 - Early Bird Special entrance begins at 8 AM for \$5.00 - General Admission begins at 9 AM. Collection begins on Tuesday, September 4 in the Children's Nursery, Monday - Friday 9 to 5, and Saturday 9 to noon. Collection ends October 13. We can use any items that are in good shape (please no used mattresses, under garments, computer parts, or non-working electronics). Please *do not* drop off any merchandise at any other location at the Cathedral (including Stuart Hall and the front office). Keep in mind, cathedral employees are not available to carry your items; please pack your bags/boxes so you are able to carry. During drop off, we have been asked to please not use the Bishop's parking lot. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Sandy Jackson (sditta@tulane.edu), Thrift Sale Chairperson or Linda Roberts (lindaroberts@cccnola.org).

We thank all of our gardeners for maintaining the beauty of our front yard - especially during the exterior renovation work. The next gathering will take place on Saturday, October 27 at 8:00 AM.

Donors needed for Altar Flowers in Cathedral and Chapel - Please sign up today on the chart next to Stuart Hall, or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - sditta@tulane.edu.

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour after a 10:00 AM Sunday Eucharist. This is a vital part of our ministry. The sign-up sheet is next to Stuart Hall on the bulletin board.

If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact us via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

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September 2, 2018

The Feast of Constance and Her Companions: The Martyrs of Memphis

On September 9, the Episcopal Church celebrates the witness of Constance and her companions, remembered along with other faithful Christians as the Martyrs of Memphis.

Yellow fever, a mosquito-borne illness that frequently affected the American South during the late 19th century, had reached an epidemic status in August 1878. Memphis, Tennessee, on the banks of the Mississippi River, had been afflicted by the disease several times before, leading citizens to flee the city en masse at the earliest signs of an outbreak. More than half of the city's population left, leaving more than 20,000 people behind. According to *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, "As cases multiplied, death tolls averaged 200 daily. When the worst was over, ninety percent of the people who remained had contracted the fever; more than 5,000 people had died."

Faithful Episcopalians and other Christians remained behind in the stifling heat to serve the city in its crisis. Chief among these saints were Constance, the Superior of the Sisters of St. Mary, and several other sisters of the order, who had come to Memphis some years earlier to found a girls' school at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. The cathedral was located in the thick of the yellow fever epidemic, which provided ample opportunity to minister to the afflicted. They tended the sick, gave rest to the weary, soothed the suffering, and blessed the dying, making a special effort to find and take care of the numerous orphaned children of Memphis.

Constance and her companions knew well the danger and destruction that the fever represented, but would not be deterred from serving God and neighbor in that place. By the end of September, four of the sisters, along with two Episcopal priests and many unnamed volunteers, had succumbed to the fever: Sister Constance, Sister Thecla, Sister Ruth, Sister Frances, the Rev. Louis Schuyler and the Rev. Charles Parsons. Sister Constance's last words, uttered when she was no longer physically able to serve, are enshrined in the altar at St. Mary's Cathedral: "Alleluia! Osanna!"

Collect for Constance and Her Companions

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of Constance and her companions, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This bulletin insert was adapted from A Great Cloud of Witnesses' account of Constance and Her Companions.



Icon of Constance and Her Companions, from St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, Diocese of West Tennessee.

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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, 1928 Prayer Book (Chapel)
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE (Contemplative Holy Eucharist)

MONDAY

Office closed in observance of Labor Day

- 12:00 PM Al-Anon (Martin Room)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 AM Thrift Sale drop-off begins
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp
5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)
6:45 PM Seeker's Book Study (Advent House)

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 PM Contemplative Prayer & Book Study (AH)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10:00 AM Cathedral Tours
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women Only)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp

FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

- 9:30 AM Centering Prayer (Advent House)
9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)
6:00 PM Wedding

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, 1928 Prayer Book (Chapel)
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE (Contemplative Holy Eucharist)



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