



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 2, 2018 at 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Voluntary of "Nyland"</i>	Robert Lind
Entrance	<i>In Christ There is No East Nor West</i>	Hymnal 529
Offertory Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	George Shearing
Communion Hymns	<i>Go Down, Moses</i>	LEVAS 228
	<i>Come Labor On</i>	Hymnal 541
Exit	<i>We Are All One in Mission</i>	see back of bulletin
Postlude	<i>Joyful Praise</i>	Eugene Butler

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Listen! It's my lover: here he comes now, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. Here he stands now, outside our wall, peering through the windows, peeking through the lattices. My lover spoke and said to me, "Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go. Here, the winter is past; the rains have come and gone. Blossoms have appeared in the land, the season of singing has arrived, and the sound of the turtledove is heard in our land. The green fruit is on the fig tree and the grapevines in bloom are fragrant. Rise up, my dearest, my fairest, and go.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*



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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.
You are the fairest of men;
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you forever. **Refrain.**

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows. **Refrain.**

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir. **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

James 1:17-27

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created. Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you. You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do. If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves.

Their devotion is worthless. True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

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The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing. The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders. Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.) So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?" He replied, "Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote, This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me. Their worship of me is empty since they teach instructions that are human words. You ignore God's commandment while holding on to rules created by humans and handed down to you." Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God's sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person." "It's from the inside, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual sins, thefts, murders, adultery, greed, evil actions, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, insults, arrogance, and foolishness. All these evil things come from the inside and contaminate a person in God's sight."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marc Smith

Deacon: The Rev. Chester Hines

Crucifer: Christian Davis

Lectors: Andrew Carpentier, Elizabeth Hines

Intercessor: Shirley Mensah

Altar Guild: Jean Parker, John Bell

Chalice: Josephine Ezenwa

Acolytes: Chloe Olliff, Marta Mize

Greeters/Ushers: Colleen Haggerty, Jean Parker

Children's Chapel Leader: Heidi Olliff

Announcements

Intergenerational Game Night: Tonight. Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the food and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm.

Theology on Tap: September 5 at 6:30p. This month, we will learn about how interfaith groups around the country work together for social change. We will talk about the kind of organizing it takes for the faith community to have a voice in shaping policy in a region, and we'll ask how we might start to shift politics in the St. Louis region. Theology on Tap meets upstairs at Dressel's Pub at 6:30pm on the First Wednesday of each month.

Breakfast is Back! Next week at 9am as the Bonds and Wilkes families provide our first breakfast of the season. Sign up to host a breakfast on the bulletin board in the entryway.

Adult Forum Next Sunday: The Rector and Vestry talk about our Goals for 2018/2019 and the coming renovation and related capital campaign. Join us for

Godly Play Begins: September 9 Registration is not required. For info, email Heidi Olliff, Children's Formation Coordinator: hmolliff@holycommunion.net

Nursery Registration: Our nursery will be open on September 9th. Please fill out an online registration form in advance if your child plans to spend time in the nursery.

Parents' Day Out: Sunday September 16th from 9am to 3:00pm. Enjoy free time with your significant other while your children are cared for at Holy Communion. All we ask is that you **sign up by noon on Friday, September 14** so that we will have an adequate number of attendants. Sign up at the welcome table or by calling the Parish Office.

Pilgrimage Class – Sept. 16 (12:15p) Are you new to Holy Communion? To the Episcopal Church? Pilgrimage, our course exploring themes in the Episcopal tradition, is especially suited for newcomers but open to all. Pilgrimage will take place across four monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons, beginning with lunch at 12:15 and finishing by 2:45. Register online or sign up in the entryway.

Roberta Gardner Memorial: The memorial service for Roberta Gardner will take place here at Holy Communion on Saturday, September 8th at 3:00pm. There will be handicap accessible parking available on Jackson Ave.

Discernment Conference: Saturday September 15, 2018 from 10:00am until 5:30pm. Our featured speaker will be the Rev. Melanie Mullen. She will lead a discussion about discernment as a lifelong spiritual practice, the ongoing work of all Christians.