

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 2024 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10:30 a.m. 305 E. Capitol St. | Jackson, MS 39201 | standrews.ms | 601-354-1535

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith.

We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out the pulpit side arch and through the chapel. You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time. Feel free to come and go as needed.

Prelude

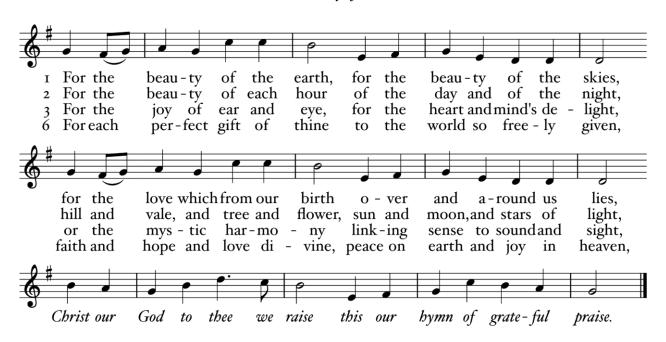
Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208

Dietrich Buxtehude

HYMN

For the beauty of the earth

Dix



THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP) PAGE, 351

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.**



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.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (read in unison)

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10

- 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.
- ² You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.
- ⁷ 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.

- ⁸ Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- ⁹ All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
- and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- ¹⁰ Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE SECOND READING

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.

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



THE 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 things from defile these evil come within, and they person." Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Christopher McAbee

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

NICENE CREED BCP, PAGE 358

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

BCP, PAGE 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop elect, Dorothy, our bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our president, the Members of Congress, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION BCP, PAGE 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence

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 ABSOLUTION BCP, PAGE 360

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

BCP, PAGE 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory

At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

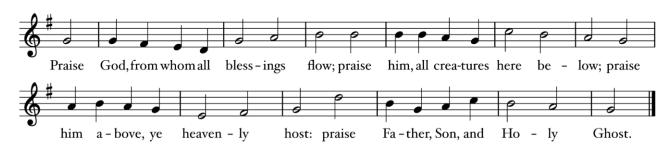
MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

organ

improvisation

AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C - EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE

The Celebrant, with the people, says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

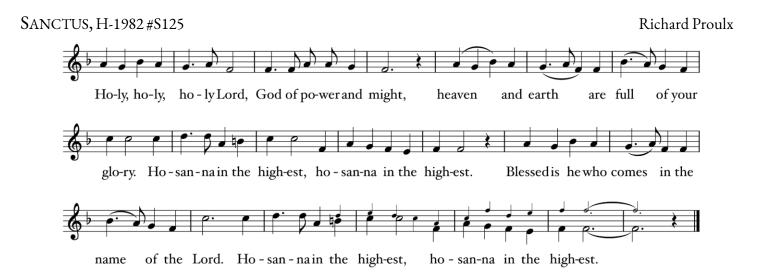
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

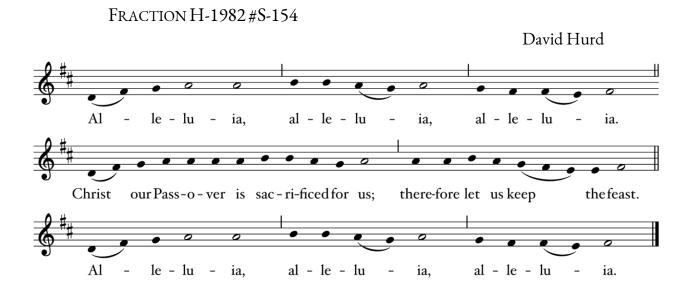
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP, PAGE 364

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



THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN H-1982, #656

HYMN H-1982, #336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

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At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP,

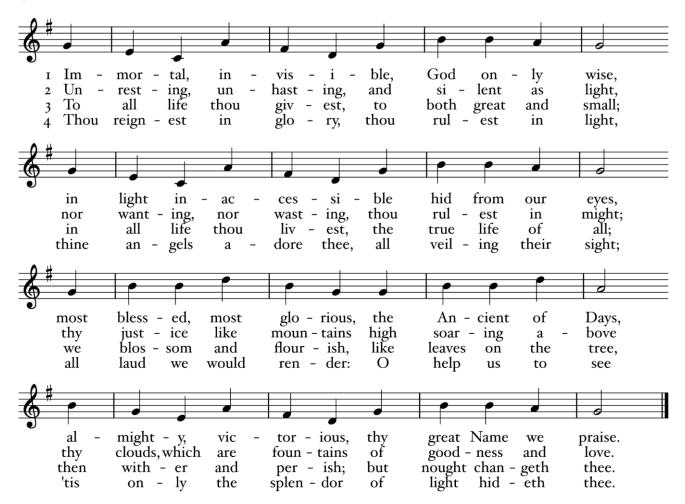
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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that

we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

DENIO



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Festive Trumpet Tune David German

OUR PRAYER LISTS

James, Mary Russell, Emily, Jay, Holden, Emily, Tara, Cindy, Jan, Mary Ann, Paul, Belinda, Sara, Kristen, Beth, Jeff, Joel, David and Kathy. (*The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective*).

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Jarred, Caleb, Larry, Joel, Debbie, George, Paula, Dot, Kristen, Chip, Betsy, Merryl, Susan, Matt, Betty, Susan, Lila, Lynda, Doug, Patsy, Chris, Kathryn.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Potts, husband of Susan Potts; Carolyn Parks; Stuart Good, father of Jeff Good; and Paul Chambers Brewer.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF: Taylor Hales Dickerson, son of Hunter and Haley Toler Dickerson and grandson of Belmont Trapp; and Tanner Jones Joorfetz, son of Emily and John Joorfetz, brother of Holden Carraway and John Joorfetz.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, Sept. 1: Kathy Howard, Annie Mae Harkins; Monday, Sept. 2: Sharon Rhoden; Tuesday, Sept. 3: Bob Gilchrist, Danielle Ireland, Michael Blake; Wednesday, Sept. 4: No birthdays; Thursday, Sept. 5: No birthdays; Friday, Sept. 6: Jeff Good, Ricky Dawson, Mary Ann Petro, Ana Triplett; Saturday, Sept. 7: Shannon McLaughlin; Sunday, Sept. 8: Susan McNease.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER: John Lever and John Davis, Sept. 3, 2016; Danielle and Robert Ireland, Sept. 13, 2003; Jean and Tim Medley, Sept. 13; Cheryl and Kent Kirchner, Sept. 17; Katie and Jonathan Wray, Sept. 24, 2016; LaDana and Dean Joseph, Sept. 25, 2001.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR WE PRAY FOR THE MCCLEAN FLETCHER GRIEF CENTER: The mission of the McClean Fletcher Center is to provide support and understanding in a safe and hopeful environment where children, teens and their families grieving the death of a loved one can embrace their grief and move through the healing process. Open to children ages 4-18 and their families. For more information, contact Kathy Woodliff at **woodliffkathy98@gmail.com**.

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535 or you may call the Lay Pastoral Minister on call as listed in the sleeve.