

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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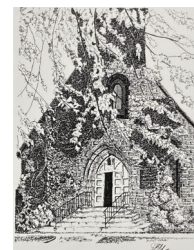
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 20)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8:00AM & 10:00AM

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You are invited into silence to prepare for worship

Prelude

Cwm Rhondda

J. Bert Carlson

Please stand as you are able as the ministers enter.

Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

#594 Hymnal

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God .

People: **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

The Gloria (read at 8am, sung at 10am)

BCP 356/ S278 Hymnal

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—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

BCP 233

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.

Please be seated

The First Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?" "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9

BCP 701

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the book of Timothy

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 humankind, 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Anthem (10:00): *“O Lord, Increase Our Faith”* Henry Loosemore
O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity. Sweet Jesu say Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You Lord Christ**

Please be seated.

The Sermon

Pastor Kathy

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 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; Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who 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 Form VI

BCP 392

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all who have passed through the waters of baptism and into your resurrection life may they be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, especially Alyssa, Alan, Jonathan, Samuel, Emma, Dan, Brandon, Robert, Bryan, Devon, Josh, and James deployed in the military. For all healthcare workers, and emergency workers; and, as they return to school, all educators and students. Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. For this community, the nation, and the world

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For those who have no place to call home, and those who are homebound. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For all churches that seek to do God's work in the world, especially, in our diocesan cycle of prayer, All Saints' Episcopal Church in Littleton, and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Rob, our Bishop; for our priest, Kathy and our Deacon, Nancy, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Rejoicing in our fellowship we offer our whole lives to you and in a moment of silence, our own prayers.
Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for the wealth of Time and Talent offered by this community.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who die without family and friends to mourn them, we pray for Dr. Anthony Richards and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

An **Altar Remembrance** is given in loving memory of my husband **Dr. Anthony Richards** by his wife Eleanor Richards.

The Confession

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (10am)

S 165

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.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

Jesu, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me; Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart hath fainted, Thirsting, Lord, for Thee! Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, I will suffer nought to hide Thee, Nought I ask beside Thee.

(translation: Catherine Winkworth)

Communion Hymn (10am)

Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken

301 Hymnal

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP 366

Almighty and ever living 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

Recessional Hymn *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* #680 Hymnal

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

All are invited to stay seated and enjoy the Postlude

Postlude *St. Anne* Healey Willan

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Readers: 8:00am Doug Liles, Howard Titus, Sarah Patton.

10:00am .Lisa Macaraeg, Bob Macaraeg, Jeff Snow.

Ushers: 8:00am—Susan Nutting, Sharmini Peiris, Marybeth Snow.

10:00am—Monique Aubry, Dan LeGallo, Jean Barrett.

Vergers: John Rowntree

LEM Chalice: 8:00am Theresa Belanger, 10:00am Don Yelton.

Altar Guild: Betty Mazzaro, Virginia Mills, Karen Beaulieu,
Adrienne Marshall.

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