

September 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**St. David's Episcopal Church**  
...reaching out to warmly welcome all.

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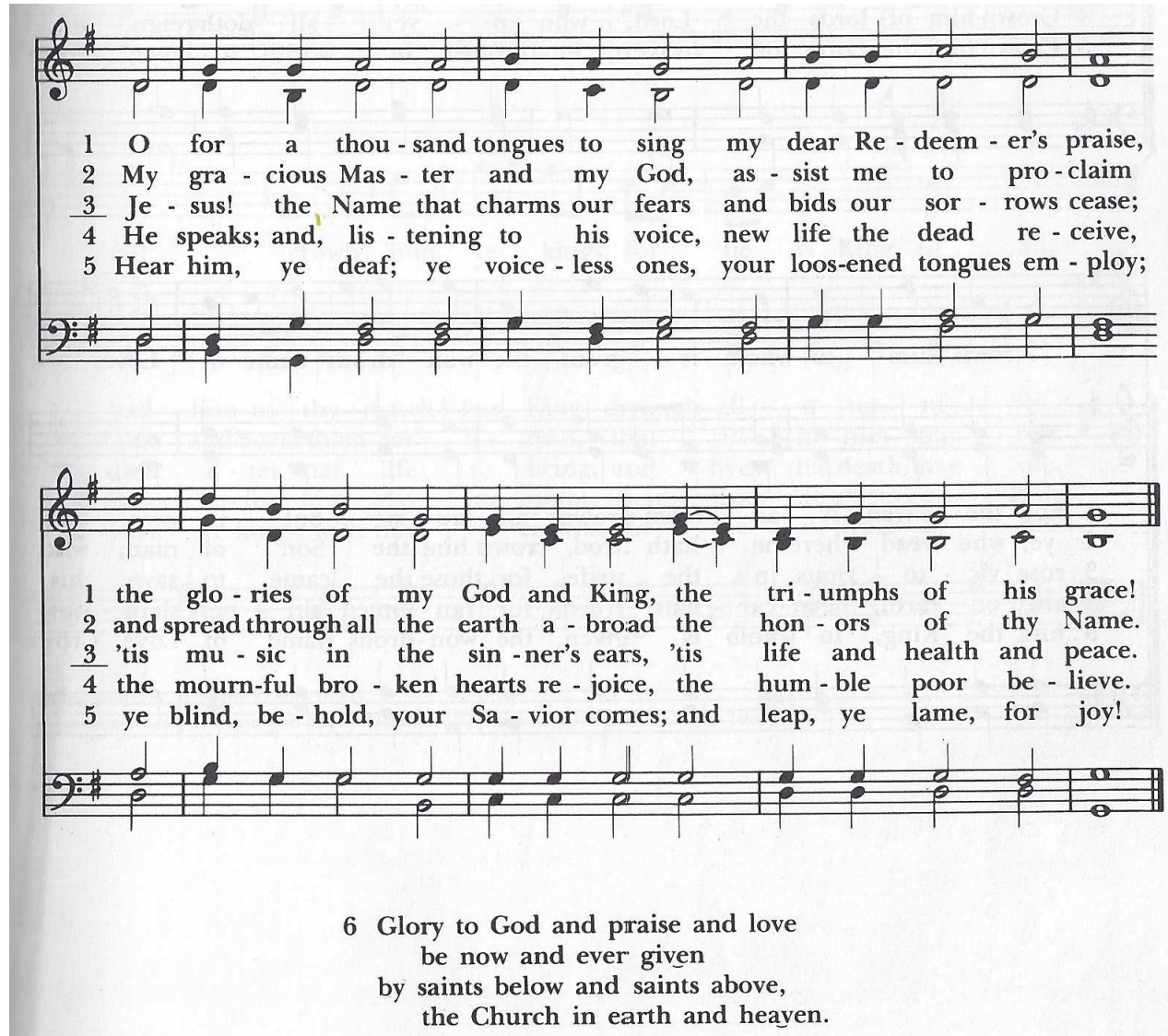
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# The Holy Eucharist

## Announcements

### Opening Hymn: #493

### “O for a thousand tongues to sing”



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heav'n.

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(The Children depart for Children's Church. Any who wish to remain in the service are welcome to do so.)*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

**Sequence Song:****"The Power of Your Love"****Bullock***(VERSE 1)*

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, re-  
newed;  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in  
me  
Will be stripped away-----by the pow'r of Your love.

*(CHORUS)*

Hold me close, let Your love surround me.  
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,  
And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on in  
the pow'r of Your love.

*(VERSE 2)*

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face;  
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.  
And Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my  
life,  
In living ev'ry day-----by the pow'r of Your love.

*(CHORUS (2X))**(TAG)*

And I will soar with You, Your spirit leads me on in  
the pow'r of Your love.

**The Holy Gospel****Mark 7:24-37**

*People*                    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
                                  *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be

opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*People*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
                         *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Kris Opat**

## **Prayers of the People, Form III**

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for 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.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## **Prayer List**

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for... Any affected, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19, Paul, Miriam, Sally, Barb, Mark, Julie, Harper, & Trent, Allison, Sherry, Ernie, Eileen, Judy, Nancy, Don, Lindsey, Kelly, Jason, Joan, all those who serve in the armed forces of the United States, for all who fight in the conflicts of the world and for the day when war will finally cease. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for retired clergy. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. We also pray for our fellow Christians of Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church and those of The ACNA Parish of Christ the Redeemer South Hills.

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            *And also with you.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Song:

### “He is Exalted”

### Parish

(VERSE)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,  
I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,  
And I will praise His name.

(CHORUS)

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and Earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(VERSE)

(CHORUS)

(ENDING)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. (2X)

### Presentation hymn: The Doxology

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye  
heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God 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:



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:

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

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.*

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**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*(For Communion, you may come forward to receive and take a wine cup to the side of the altar, where you may remove your mask and consume. Place cups in the bin. Gluten-free available.)*

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God!*

## **Announcements**

**Sunday Worship** - In-person worship is open to all. Our building policy is to follow current CDC guidelines. Right now that means *all persons must wear a mask* at all times in the building.

**Outdoor Service** - Our next outdoor service is scheduled for Sunday September 19th. Please bring a chair or blanket if possible.

**Parish Picnic** - In lieu of our traditional Community Picnic, we're planning to have a smaller parish picnic, following the September 19th outdoor service. Stay tuned for details.

**Blessing of the Pets** will be on October 3rd. You're invited to bring your fur-babies (or feathered/scaled/gilled/shelled/etc) OR a picture to worship for a special blessing.

**The Farmers Market** is open every Wednesday from 4-7pm through the end of October. Visit [www.peterstownshipfarmersmarket.org](http://www.peterstownshipfarmersmarket.org) or find them on Facebook and Instagram for more information.

**Grounds Cleanup** - If you're interested in coming out to help weed around the grounds, please feel free to come any time.