

The First Lesson

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.



The Psalm

Psalm 15:1-7

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H 423**

Gospel Lesson

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

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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

*We pray together as the people of God*

The Confession

BCP 393

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*

Announcements

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity*

*wisdom, love, might;*

*boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride*

*through the world far and wide, let there be light!*

From Hymn 366 vs.4

The Lord's Prayer

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 General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Hymn Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing **H 344**

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to  
spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond  
to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by **Jim and  
Susanne Pulse**. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share  
our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very  
much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy  
Eucharist. Please join us.

The Altar Flowers are given today by  
**Bill Davis**, in memory of loved ones.

This Month's Plate Offering: United Thank Offering Fund.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Lay Reader Alyson Bowling  
Acolyte Chris Justice  
Lector Delia Kersey Jay Kephart  
Altar Guild Linda Ammar Mimi Merritt Teresa Paine

Attendance Last Sunday 52

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe  
Sanders—Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson  
Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni  
R.—Ragen—Jared Cregger—Kerrigan Farmer—Lindsey  
Parsley—Daisy Bowman—Ellie Spencer—Sue Godwin—  
Mabeline & Elton Robinson—Ann Richardson—Sherry  
Mitchell—Carrie D.—Dorothy Curry—Lorraine Keffer—  
Sharon Cranfill—Margie Hardin—George Strike—Levertt  
T.—Bea Paine—Frankie Sparks—Sheila Brooks

Birthdays This Week: Wanda Myers, Kelly Meachum  
McConnico, Terry Whittington, Bill Wimmer

Calendar of Events:

Monday - Wednesday 9/10-9/12 LARCUM Conference  
Wednesday-Sept. 12 Prepare meal at Union Mission 3:00pm  
Men's Dinner 6:00pm  
Tuesday - Sept. 18 DOK 10:30am  
Wednesday-September 19 Vestry 7:00pm  
Thursday-Sept. 20 Food Pantry 9-11am  
Wednesday-Sept. 26 Prepare meal at Union Mission 4:30pm  
Sunday-Sept. 30 Ingathering of UTO

Announcements:

Vestry Meetings: Vestry Meetings have been changed from the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month.

Worship Coordinator: We are needing volunteers to help with  
scheduling Worship assistants. Please see Cameron Clement.



Join us Sept, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> for Coffee Hour talks!

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Dr. Rob Merritt Senior Warden  
Mrs. Dee Puckett Junior Warden



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## September 2, 2018

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*and being the Sunday designated Proper XVII of the Church Year*

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we  
invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you)  
and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have  
chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your  
faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The  
abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book  
located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed  
by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the  
Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer,"  
which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *We plow the fields, and scatter* **H 291**

The Service Begins BCP 355  
Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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.*