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The 15th Sunday After Pentecost

being Proper XX 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 *Holy Father, great Creator* **H 368**

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.*

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.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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 Psalm

Psalm 79:1-9

Deus, venerunt

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.

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

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

Hymn

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

H 345



Gospel Lesson

Luke 16:1-13

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

First composed in 325, this is the ancient statement of faith

The Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

God so loved The World

Stainer

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee
while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee
then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.*

From Hymn 366 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

BCP 367

Sanctus

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

Memorial Acclamation

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

H-S 152



The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Bread of the world, in mercy broken H 301

There is a balm in Gilead H 676

Commit thou all that grieves thee H 669

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

H 488

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!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by

Frank and Bernadette Dragotto in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Linda Ammar. 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!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>		Elizabeth Burton
<u>Lectors</u>	Teresa Paine	Becky Kersey
<u>Chalicians</u>		Becky Kersey
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Ammar, Teresa Paine, Mimi Merritt,	Patricia Taylor
<u>Nursery Help</u>	Louisa Bennitt	

Birthdays This Week: Susanne Pulse, Mary Lynn Williams.

Last Sunday's Attendance

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Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marlene, Becky Steorts, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Lorraine Blansfield, Susan Jewell.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – September 25	Serve Dinner at Union Mission 4:30pm
Sunday – September 29	Altar Guild meeting after church Canterbury Club at the Slater's 6:00pm
Wednesday – October 9	Serve Meal at the Union Mission 3:00pm
Sunday – October 13	St. Francis Day Pet Blessing TIME

Announcements:

UTO: Have you been saving up in your Blue Box? September is United Thank Offering Month and we will be collecting our Blue Boxes and other donations for this important ministry of the Episcopal Church Women. Stay tuned for more!

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of September thru January. There is a container in the Narthex for September's Cleaning Supplies.

Altar Guild: There will be a meeting of all altar guild members on Sunday, September 29th after church. Please make every effort to attend.

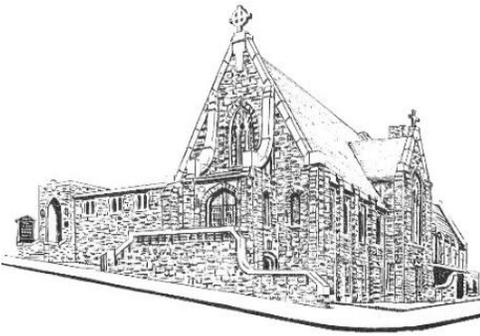
Canterbury Club: All are welcome to the Slater's (222 Memorial Avenue, Bluefield, WV) on Sunday, September 29th at 6:00pm. Bring a side dish to share for an evening of Fellowship!

ECM: A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to volunteer for supplying dinner for the Episcopal Church Men's Meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to attend for fellowship each month.

Trip to Israel Opportunity: Pastor Gerald Manning of Fincastle Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, VA is leading a ten-day trip to Israel in February 2020. There are a couple more vacancies to fill, so if you are interested in going, more information can be found in the narthex.

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Found: We have a new Prayer Book and Hymnal that was left after the Bishop's visit in August. If you or someone you know accidentally left it here, please get in touch with Mary Catherine Williams to claim it.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

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