

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM





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Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (*The Gloria*) is found before hymn 1.

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If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook: facebook.com/episcopalloudon.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

**Prelude** (only at 10:30)
My Lord, What a Mornin' (Spiritual)

Arr. Roger C. Wilson

Entrance Hymn (only at 10:30)
God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

All standing BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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** (Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Hymnal S-280

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Collect for the Season of Creation

Lord of all the universe, through your incarnation in Christ you identified with the created order and proclaimed your love for the world; assist us through your Son to respect and cherish the earth and all its creatures, through Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Anglican Church of Canada

#### The Lessons

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

*Lector* 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!

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

Psalm 79:1-9 BCP 701

*Lector* We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 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

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to 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. **Amen.** 

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

All stand

**Sequence Hymn** (*only at 10:30*)

There is a balm in Gilead (verses 1 & 2)

Hymnal 676

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People 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." **Amen.** 

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

Sequence Hymn (only at 10:30)

There is a balm in Gilead (repeat verses 1 &2)

**Sermon** Mark Smith

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.
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.

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

**BCP 387** 

Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able. Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.

Holy God, 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 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.

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: Kathleen; Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H.; Jenon; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

*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.** 

Confession of Sin BCP 359

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

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

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.

*Celebrant* 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 360

Standing as you are able.

*Celebrant* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

#### The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,

a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a* 

**Offertory Anthem** (sung by the choir)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the and

Hymnal 291

**Doxology** (spoken at 8:00; sung at 10:30)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord; People and of your own have we given you.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

From *Eucharistic Prayers*, Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016

#### Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Hymnal S-120

(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Hearts and minds and souls and voices

we lift in thanks and praise to you, Lord God of heaven and earth.

You made the earth as a playground for us to enjoy your glory, and yet we consistently turn your abundance into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption.

In Noah you drew all the goodness of your creation into one ark, and in Moses you placed the law of love into the ark of your covenant.

In Christ you turned the wood of manger and cross into the ark of your salvation.

And so we rejoice to thank you, singing, with all the company of heaven, the hymn of your unending praise.

#### **Sanctus** (Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Hymnal S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant God our rock, to trust in you is to build a house on solid ground that will never shift through wind and rain.

You make and renew your church through your word of life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,

that all who eat and drink in your name

may behold you face to face and taste and see that you are good.

By that same Spirit come down upon these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,

broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Renewing God, after half a year of flood you brought the ark of hope to solid ground and gave your creation new birth.

Heal your stricken world today,

that the groaning of the soil, the skies, and the seas may foretell the greater glory you have prepared for your time of eternal covenant grace.

As you justify your children by faith,

uphold all who face injustice and neglect and cruelty.

Hasten that day when your new heaven and new earth will engulf the distress and disappointment and destruction of your people, and you will be all in all, everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**AMEN.** (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-146

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 and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. People

**Fraction Hymn** (Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:* 

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen**.

Communion Hymn (only at 10:30)

Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

From Enriching Our

**Post-Communion Prayer** 

Celebrant Let us pray.

Worship

All Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

**Post-Communion Hymn** (only at 10:30) Give praise and glory unto God

Hymnal 375

#### The Dismissal

From Church of England, Diocese of Guildford

Celebrant Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits

of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude** (only at 10:30)

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Arr. John Carter

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Ben's birthday by Sally Leonhard.

# Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

#### **Bow Tying**

We will meet downstairs in the Parish Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. this week. Many kind thanks to everyone for tying pinecones!

#### **Prayers and Squares**

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thurs. in the Parish Hall.

#### Diocesan Women's Day Conference

Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church of the Ascension, Knoxville More information is available at dioet.org.

The Episcopal Church Women of East Tennessee is hosting a women's day conference for all women of the diocese. The day will feature a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Brian Cole, lunch, and the annual Episcopal Church Women business meeting. This day conference is open to all women of the diocese, including members of Episcopal Church Women and Daughters of the King. Come hear how we can support the education of young women, sustain the ministry of women across the diocese, and build relationships that empower women across the globe.

The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch and refreshments throughout the time together, as well as childcare. To register, visit dioet.corg (see link in The Tidings); and bring cash or check for registration.

Note: Resurrection gladly will reimburse your registration fee; please submit a reimbursement form which is available in the church office.

#### **Our Parish Prayer List**

Kathleen; Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H.; Jenon

#### **Continuing Prayers for:**

Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family; Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane; Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley; Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace; Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

#### For our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K. Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L. Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H. Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

#### Also for the Diocesan Prayer List:

St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville
Episcopal School of Knoxville
Calvary Cathedral, Sioux Falls, SD
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things
in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this
parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the
careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all
things necessary for our common life, and bring
us all to be of one heart and mind within your
holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 3 Liz Berg

September 3 Virginia Perry

September 4 Vicky & Dave St. John

September 6 Cheryl Riggen

September 9 Debbie & Mel Hines

September 13 Betty Anne Haldi

September 14 John McCoy, II

September 18 Cindy Hentchel

September 22 Julie Arledge

### For Your Calendars

# **THIS WEEK**

# NEXT WEEK

Sept 28

Acolyte

Lectors

Ushers

Video

ΕM

Sept 21	8:00 am	10:30 am		
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Monty Ross	Altar Guild:	Donna Bye
EM	Andrew Wilkinson	Judy Egan	Flower Guild:	Betty Martin
Lectors	Peggy Rogers	Tony Adams	Organist:	Judy Moyer
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves	Celebrant	Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Erlys Ploeger	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Preacher:	Mark Smith
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Monday Office Volunteer 9/15	
Counters	n/a	Alice Anderson & Jean Cardwell		

10:30 am

Dawson Hope

Drew Hawley

Jenny Lucas

Mark Blakley

Monty Ross & Jan Hanna

Liz Berg

### Counters n/a Monty Ross & Carolyn Parker

8:00 am

**Jack Lefler** 

Donna Bye

Carl Bye

Coffee Hour Rosemary Kitts

Andrew Wilkinson

n/a

**Next Week at Resurrection** 

Monday, September 22 7:00 p.m. - AA (open meeting)

Tuesday, September 23 1:30 p.m. - Bow Tying

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 a.m. - Deadline for Parish Tidings or bulletin submissions

10:30 a.m. Lenoir City Greenway

Holy Hike

Thursday, September 25 1:30 p.m. - Bow Tying

Sunday, September 28

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral Four Paws Sunday

Email office@episcopalloudon.com by Wednesday at 9 a.m. to have your ministry or committee's activities added to the parish calendar.

#### **COMING UP...**

Monday Volunteer 9/22

Altar Guild:

Organist: Celebrant &

Preacher:

Donna Bye

Donna Bye

Judy Moyer

Rebecca Bridges

Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner

Thursday, October Prayers & Squares

Saturday, October 4
Loudon Women's Club (Jean Cardwell)

Sunday, October 5
Holy Eucharist, spoken
Holy Eucharist, choral
Blessing of the Pets

Check your Parish Tidings for upcoming details!

To contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges, please email rector@episcopalloudon. com or call the church at (865) 986-2390. For pastoral needs after hours, call (865) 242-9240.

# TODAY'S ART



#### Rembrandt Van Rijn

Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem 1630, Oil on panel, 58 x 46 cm The Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam Commentary by Christina Juliet Faraday from *The Visual Commentary on Scripture* 

You knew disaster was coming, but you were powerless to stop it. The warnings were unheeded. The worst has happened. In the desolate wasteland you mourn your loss:

"My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain! Oh, the walls of my heart! My heart is beating wildly; I cannot keep silent; for I hear the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war" (Jer. 4:19). Rembrandt van Rijn invites us to make sense of the unimaginable scale of divine justice and destruction through the very

human response of the prophet Jeremiah, who meditates on his failure to return the sinful to God. In the background the city of Jerusalem is aflame: we can just make out a torch-bearing angel, announcing the divine punishment. The smoky formlessness of Jeremiah's immediate surroundings separates the prophet from the destruction he predicted, and echoes the language of his prophecy: 'I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void' (4:23); "The whole land shall be a desolation" (v.27).

Resting his head on his hand in the traditional pose of the melancholic, we are invited to empathize with Jeremiah's misery. Torn between his acceptance of God's justice and his distress at its consequences, the prophet's sorrow is suggestive of the conflict that all of us may often feel between what we desire and what we know to be right, and the anguish inherent in any attempt to make sense of misfortune:

Ah, Lord God, surely thou hast utterly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'It shall be well with you'; whereas the sword has reached their very life (v.10; on the false prophets of peace, see 6:14; 14:13; 23:16–17).

Glinting in the foreground are precious vessels, 'ornaments of gold': the gift Jeremiah receives from Nebzaradan on his release (Jeremiah 40:5). But though they catch our eye, the prophet disregards them, as he warned the people of Jerusalem to do. Precious though they appear, Rembrandt has rendered their highlights with the pigment 'white lead', a base metal: a metaphor for the vanity of all art in the face of impending destruction?

References