

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**

**September 21, 2025—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude**

*Three Gospel Preludes for Organ*

*Gerald Near*

## Opening Hymn 345

*“Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”*

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise  
\*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;  
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;  
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;  
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,  
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.  
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:  
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by four eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4, G4), a quarter note (F#4), and another quarter rest. This is followed by a thick black bar representing a measure of silence or a full rest. After the bar, there are three eighth notes (D5, C5, Bb4) and a final quarter note (A4).

*People*   
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Collect for Purity

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

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To God be the glo - ry, all glo - ry in the  
Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got - ten of the

high - est and peace to his peo - ple who dwell here be - low, Our  
Fa - ther we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The

hea - v'n - ly Fa - ther, our Lord, and our sov - 'reign, to  
sin of the world you have tak - en up - on you, have

you, the Al - migh - ty, our prai - ses be - stow. We wor ship and a -  
mer - cy up - on us, the Great I AM. For ho - ly, you



dore you, we bow here be - fore you with grate-ful thanks - gi-ving, our  
meet us, yet low - ly\_ you\_ greet us, the Lord in\_ the\_ high est, the



song let us raise. All glo - ry and hon-our and glad a - do -  
Ho - ly One. All glo - ry to the Fath-er, the Son and\_ the\_



- ra - tion to God in\_ the\_ high-est, ho - san - na and praise.  
Spi - rit, From a - ges\_ ev-er - last-ing, the Three\_ in One.

## The Collect of the Day

*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 Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Amos 8:4-7*

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 113

- 1        Hallelujah!  
         Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
         praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2        Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
         from this time forth for evermore.
- 3        From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
         let the Name of the Lord be praised.

- 4      The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5      Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6      He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7      He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.
- 8      He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

## **The Second Lesson**

*1 Timothy 2:1–7*

A Reading from the First 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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

# Gospel Hymn 488

*“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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## The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

*Clergy*            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.”

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

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. William S. Stafford

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all*

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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

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, 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.

## The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **Offertory Anthem**

*Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré

*French: Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!*

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,  
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

*English: Word of the Highest, our only hope,  
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!*

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people  
 Now gathered here to praise you;  
 Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;  
 May they go forth filled with your gifts.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**


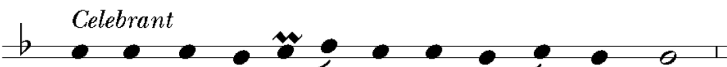

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	

## *Celebrant*

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

## **Sanctus**

WLP 785

*Sing first in Spanish, then in English.*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

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.**

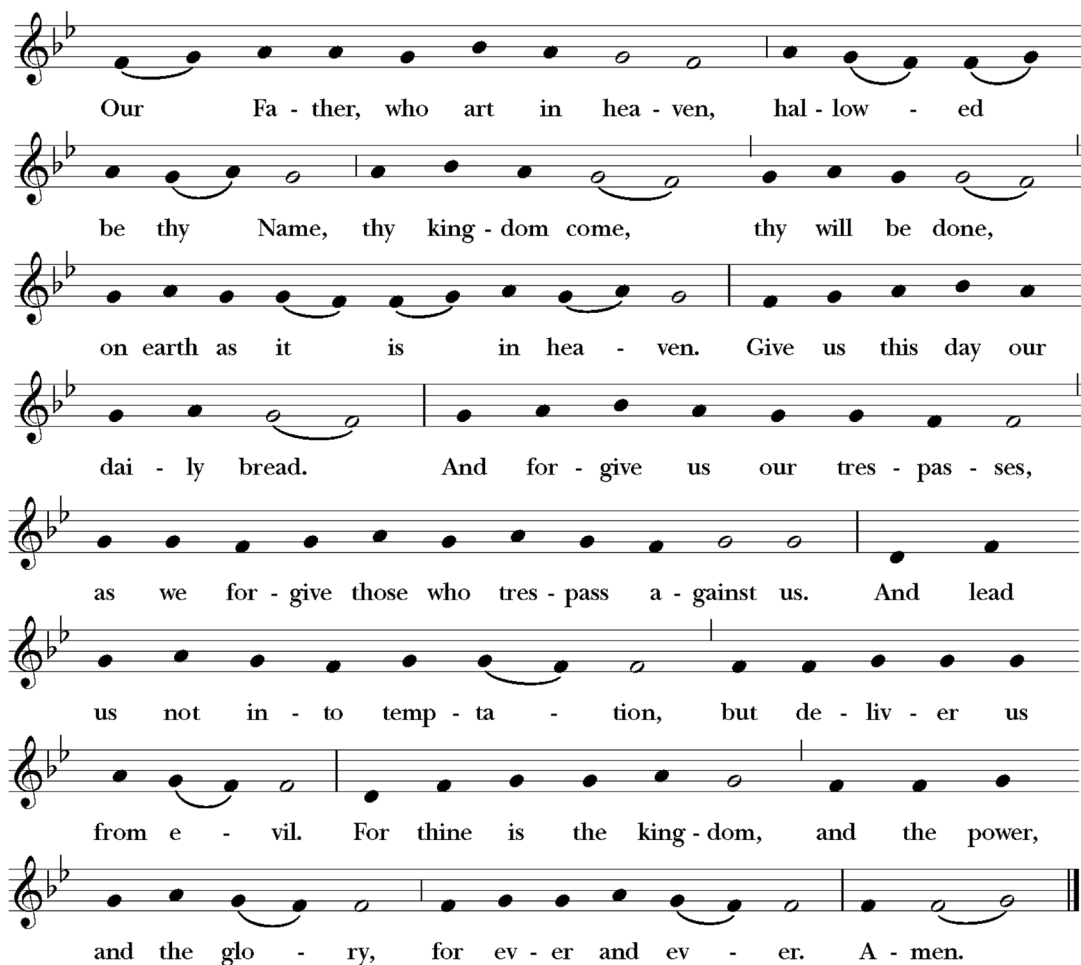
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.

## Communion Hymn 676

*“There is a balm in Gilead”*

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed  
 whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to  
 heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and\_\_\_\_  
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but\_\_\_\_ then the Ho - ly  
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

*Repeat Refrain*

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 Je - sus, and say, “He died for all.”

Words: African-American spiritual. Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950).

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Said by all*

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**

# Closing Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord, the almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## **Dismissal**

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Lobe den Herren*

Helmut Walcha





## **FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

Flowers at the altar are given  
to the glory of God by Diane  
Siemens, in memory of her late  
husband, Peter Siemens.



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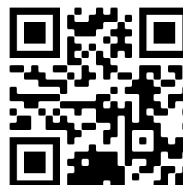
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