THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH the episcopal diocese of maryland 10:45 A.M. \$\displays \text{ September 1, 2024}

The Liturgy of the Word at 10:45

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing

Celebrant I see you.
People We are here.

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Hymn 574



OPENING PRAYER

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we come together to hear your word and to receive your sacrament. Keep us mindful that we are one with you and each other and help us to live our lives joyfully sharing the grace you have shown us and the life you have brought us. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do; and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Response:

We offer ourselves to you, O Lord, and to each other, that we may serve in your Name. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 115 (LEVAS) Spirit of the living God



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON:

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

PSALM 45:1-2, 7-10 ERUCTAVIT COR MEUM

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, * and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; * on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

THE 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.

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

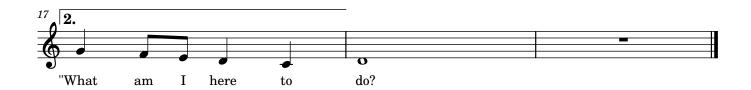
Pentecost #1- Gospel Acclamation

L. DeLauder









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

THE GOSPEL:

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant People

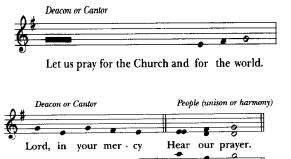
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All stand for

THE NICENE CREED

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



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.

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.

Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and grant us the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

Parish Life

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be

with you all.

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.

Celebrant We thank you, Lord, for the beauty of this earth, our island home. We thank you especially for this

place in which we live; for our lakes and our forests, our farmland, and the life which flourishes here.

Guide us in the care of all you have given us, especially in our care of each other. You have given us

much, and for that we are grateful. And so we join with Angels and Archangels, and all the

company of heaven, evermore praising you, and singing:

Hymn 858 (WLP)

Holy, holy, holy Lord



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."

Recalling now his suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

As we come to this table, Lord, grant that we may share your Spirit together, renew our strength, and reveal your love to a waiting world because we were here. 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**.

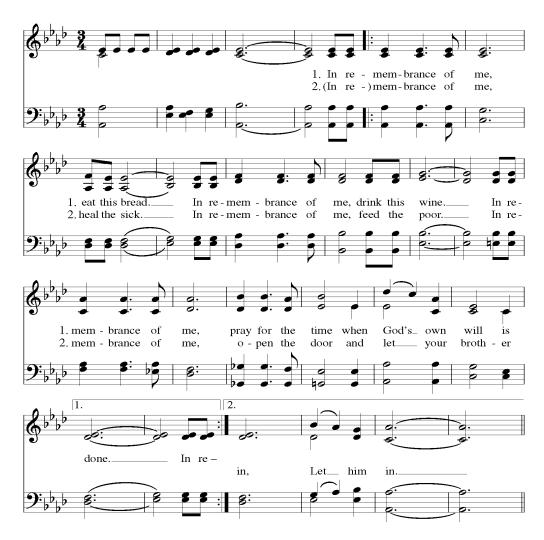
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

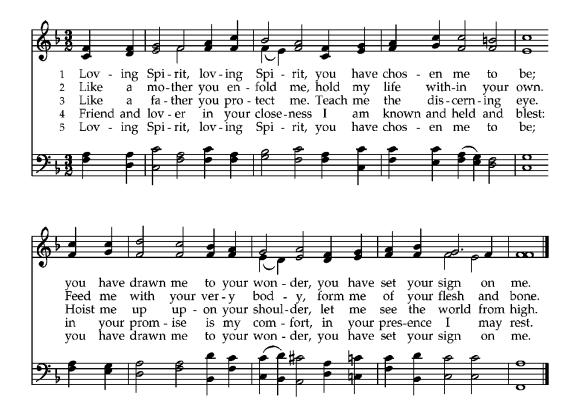
Celebrant and People

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM HYMN 149 (LEVAS)



All here are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. You may also "intinct" by dipping the bread into the chalice. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.



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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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



Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

announcements

episcopals - NOTE NEW TIMES FOR THIS EVENT

Our next EpiscoPals is Sunday, September 15th and will be hosted by Jim & Leslie Roper, Don & Pam Faber, and Dave Faber at the boat house at Alpine Lake. Appetizers will be served at 4pm with dinner served at 5pm, but you are welcome to arrive at 2pm and spend the day. You can rent kayaks, pedal boats, play golf, mini golf, or fish (requires a license which can be purchased on site). The hiking and biking trails are free of charge. Visit alpinelake. com/amenities for more information and pricing for activities.

The hosts will provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. The main course will be fajitas, and the hosts will also provide beans and corn. They have asked for any dishes (except desserts) to be complementary to Mexican cuisine. Please let the Ropers or Julie know if anyone has any food allergies.

To help the hosts know how much food to prepare, **RSVP** with how many people will be attending and what you will be bringing. You can find the registration link in the weekly e-news and also under the **EpiscoPals section on the church app**. You can also call Julie in the office to let her know you're coming and what you're bringing.

If you would like to host an available month (**October or November**), please call or email the office to let Julie know. If you are unable to host at your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

stephen's table

Our next meal will be held on **Thursday, September** 19th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. If you can help in any way (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at **kwsenholzi@comcast.net** or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

seekers

Seekers will meet again on **September 29th at 5 pm** in the parish hall. Dinner that night will be chili.

Also, the Seekers **need non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

nearly new

We are always looking for volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries to serve our church and community. The shop is back to operating on regular hours, open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am - 2 pm. We are also open during Stephen's Table on the next to the last Thursday of each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Also, keep us in mind if your teen needs to earn service learning hours. (Note that anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent or other adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at **kathyzimmer24@gmail.com**

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at **mhffisher@comcast.net**.

Contact Julie Hartman in her office at 301-334-2510 ext. 3 or by email at: episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee
Reader: Kathleen Gibbs
Prayers of the People: Kathleen Gibbs

Chalicist: Coffee Hosts:

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Philip Pritts; Mary Haning; Leslie Roper; Barb Riley; Mary Ellen Dore; Jennifer Virts; Kinsley Virts; Don Morin; Bev Maynard; Ed & Jeanne Neff; Nancy Morgan; Carol Collins; John Jorgensen; Gene & Barbara Wahl; Kathy, Elon, and Mary O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Kim Lovett & family; Carolyn Germain; Sherri Fredlock; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Seling; Terry Turner; Bobbi & Peter Banse; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; Jacques Hourtal; William Robinson; Larry Glatt; Dale and Sharon Broadwater; Madeline Meister; Kat & Matt Rayner; Jane Newagen; Bill Riley; Chris Kinser; Ralph & Char Frith; Mark Keefer; Jane Hazlett & family; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Emmanuel, Baltimore; Grace & St. Peter's, Baltimore; Guardian Angel, Baltimore.

We also pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcounty.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week. In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add episcopalchurchingarrettcounty@gmail.com to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, September 1

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

Sunday, September 8

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately

following the service

weekly

Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall

10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's

(on hiatus until Fall)

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open (until Labor Day)

Friday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

EpiscoPals

Next gathering is September 15th at the Boat House at Alpine Lake, Terra Alta, WV

Arrive at 2 pm to enjoy activities Appetizers served at 4pm

Appetizers served at 4pm Dinner served at 5 pm

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (September 19th)

fourth Sunday

5 pm Seekers (September 29th - parish hall)

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