

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Rite I Holy Eucharist • September 22, 2019 • 8 am

Our service begins on page 323 in the blue Book of Common Prayer.

THE COLLECT

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

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.

THE RESPONSE

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 READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, 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 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.

THE GOSPEL

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant For love of God and love of neighbor, let us pray for the Church and for the World, saying: In the power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with Life.

Following each petition, the people respond

Fill us with Life.

The Celebrant concludes:

Faithful God, you form and fill us with grace and love. Send us forth from this gathering inspired by Jesus Christ, our everlasting Life. **Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Mindy LaNouette, Emily von Allmen, Maddie Barter, Mike Staffiera, Justin Precht, Josie Thayer, Daniel Mallon, Charlie Zack, Gale Sheldon, David Riddle, Claire Trucco, Cindy Powell, Polk Laffoon, Karen Staffiera, John Glass, Lissa Grubbs, Linnea Gault.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Ginger & Steve Kent, Heather & Hugh Ledford, Janet & John Simpkinson, Bob & Naomi Gerwin, Randol & David Haffner, Barbara & Scott Bennewitz, Rebecca & Kevin Kappers, Heather & Lee Krombholz, Celeste & John Warrington.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Lou & Bill Alexander by Betsy Berry and in thanksgiving for Kirtley & Isabelle Krombholz by Heather & Lee Krombholz.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Gary Lubin
<i>Lector</i>	Lisa Frey
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Steve Zimmerman
<i>Intercessor</i>	Megan Feichtner
<i>Bankers</i>	Chris Gorz, Betsy Schram, Michael Staffiera (alt.)
<i>Bread Guild</i>	Paul Callard , Cheryl Fast, Courtney Vice
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Kathe Kissel, Vicky Carroll, Laurie Maguire, Susan Wilkening
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Missy Darling, Nip Becker, Krista DeVaul, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel
<i>Children's Liturgy</i>	The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski, Brad Gough

