

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17B - September 1, 2024

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: 423 – Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree, all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise. thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love. then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee. 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider may say

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.*

Praise Hymn: WLP 784 – Hallelujah! We sing your praises

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!

Fine

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a fermata over the first measure. The second staff ends with a fermata over the final measure. The third staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign, with the word 'Fine' written above it.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

A reading from Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-9)

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch

yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Psalm 15 (St. Helena Psalter)

***1 O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle; *
who may abide upon your holy hill?***

***2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, *
who speak truthfully from the heart.***

***3 There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil to their friends; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors;***

***4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who fear God.***

***5 They have sworn to do no wrong *
and do not take back their word.***

***6 They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.***

***7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.***

A Reading from the letter of 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.

Gradual Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #707 – Take my life and let it be

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

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

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

The Message

Rev. Elizabeth Chace

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, 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. 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Increase in us true religion;

People: ***Nourish us with all goodness.***

Confession of sin

The Presider then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People (Standing or kneeling)

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 Priest standing says

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

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

All those desiring a closer relationship with Jesus are welcome to join us at the Altar for Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: 660 – O Master, let me walk with thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Doxology: 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.

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundation of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sight of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus: Presider and People

WLP #858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Andrew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and creator in voices of unending praise.

Great AMEN:

WLP 863

A - men. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: (Sung Twice)

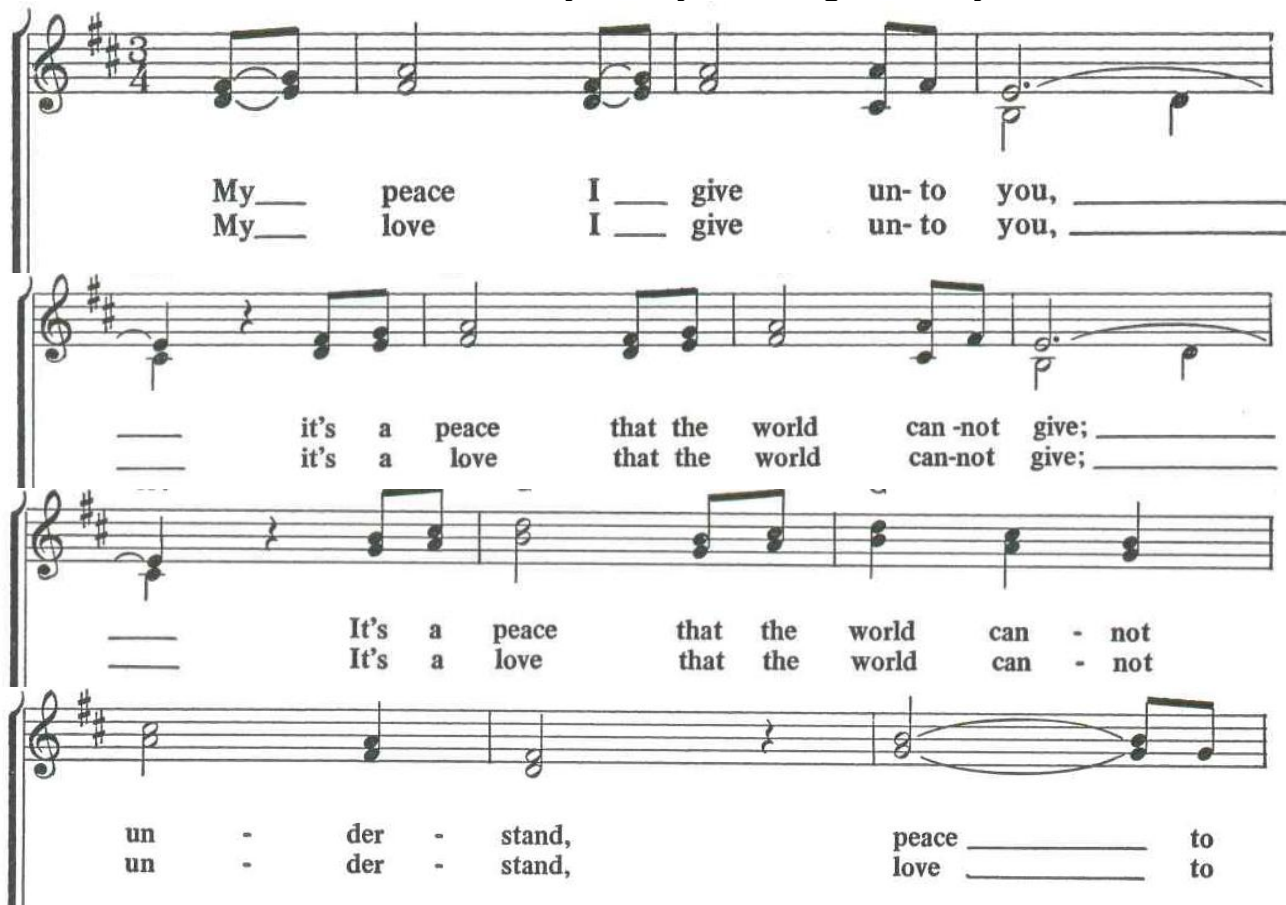
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Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
 who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Post Communion Hymn: My Peace I give unto you



My peace I give unto you,
 My love I give unto you,
 it's a peace that the world can-not give;
 it's a love that the world can-not give;
 It's a peace that the world can-not
 It's a love that the world can-not
 un-der-stand, peace to
 un-der-stand, love to

know, know, peace, love, to live, my, to live, my, I give un-to you, I give un-to you.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing
Announcements

Sending Hymn: 344 – Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

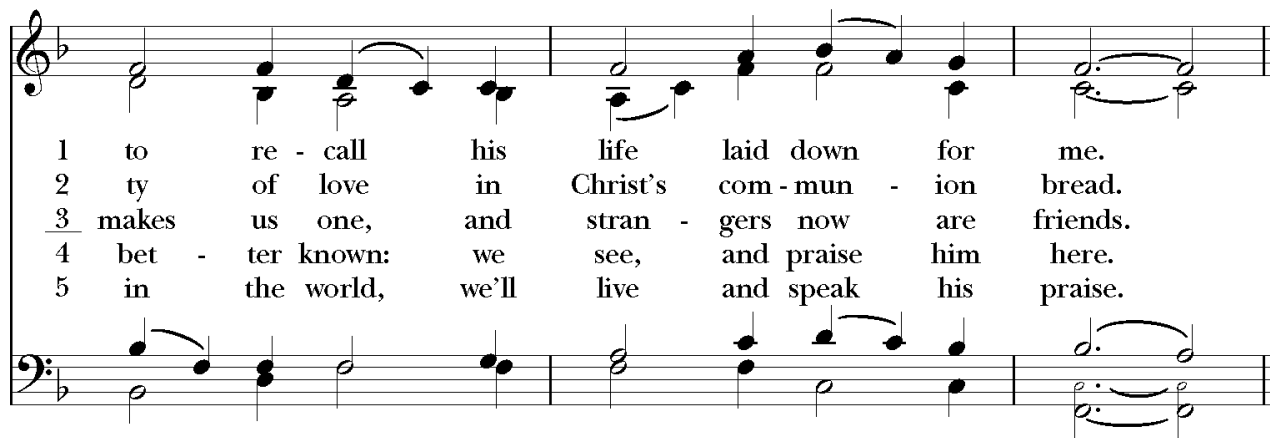
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Dismissal

Our Thanks to those who participated in today's service

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Chace
Reader/Prayer Leader: Joan Goolsby
Eucharistic Minister: Lori Beaudoin
Internet: Doug Goolsby & Joan Goolsby
Sacristans: Judy Doyen and Joan Goolsby
Organist: Mr. Josh Howell

Welcome to St. Andrew Episcopal Church

We are glad you are with us today. We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us by your presence. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrew, please feel free to speak with Rev. Pam or anyone around you.

St. Andrews Mission Statement

St. Andrew provides a loving Christian environment, welcoming all people. We embrace one another in our daily quest to accept God's love, and with joyful hearts do God's work in the world, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:00 am
Bible Study Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon***

Church Office Hours

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and by appointment

If you have need of a Priest or Pastoral Services

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