

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist -Rite II - Year C

September 21, 2025 11:00 a.m.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church Norman, Oklahoma

*The Altar Flowers are given today by
Ron Stiehler in memory of Virginia Stiehler*

and by

Peter and Kathy Rodrigues in thanksgiving for their family in Australia.

*The Sanctuary Candle is given by Basha Hartley
In honor of Jaci William's birthday.*

The Rector, vestry and members of this church wish to extend a most hearty welcome to visitors who are worshiping with us today. It is a privilege to extend to you an invitation to make this your church home. Here you will find a "Family" type parish and we hope you will stay after the service so that we may have the opportunity to meet you and extend the hand of Christian fellowship.

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Prelude

Hymn in Procession *All Stand*

"God Himself Is With Us"

Hymnal 475



1 God him-self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 2 Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer thine to be for ev - er,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things; let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bid with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 soul and life and each en - deav - or. Help us to sur -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 rend - er earth's de - ceit - ful trea - sures, pride of life, and
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
sin - ful plea - sures: thou a - lone shalt be known
calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
Lord of all our be - ing, life's true way de - cree - ing.
in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

The Word of God

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

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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. **Amen**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us: 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One.
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect

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.**

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!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 79:1-9 *Deus, venerunt*



- 1 *Ö Gód*, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
 they have profaned your *hóly témp*le; *
 they have made Jerusalem a *héap* of *rúbbľě*.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for
 the *bírd*s of *thé* air, *
 and the flesh of your faithful ones to the *béasts* of *thé* *fié*ld.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every *śide* of *Jerúsalem*, *
 and there was *nó* one to *búry* *thěm*.

- 4 We have become a reþróach to our néighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to thóse aróund üs.
- 5 How long will you be ángry, Ó LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for évér?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who háve not knówn you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon yóur Nāme.
- 7 For they háve devoured Jácob *
and made his dwélling á ruín.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swíft to méet us; *
for we have been brought verý löw.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glóry óf your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, fór your Nāme's sáke.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

"Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

Hymnal 408

Verses 1 & 2 before and Verse 3 after the Gospel



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Farber

The Nicene Creed *All stand.*

**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.**

Prayers of the People *Form VI* *All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop; and for all
bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for St.
Patrick's in Broken Arrow.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of the
Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

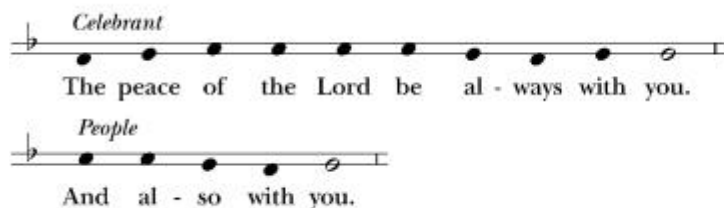
Confession of Sin *All stand or kneel.*

Deacon 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 *All stand*



The Holy Communion

Offertory *All sit*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

Arr. Jon Roberts

Presentation of the Offerings *Please stand and sing*

The Doxology

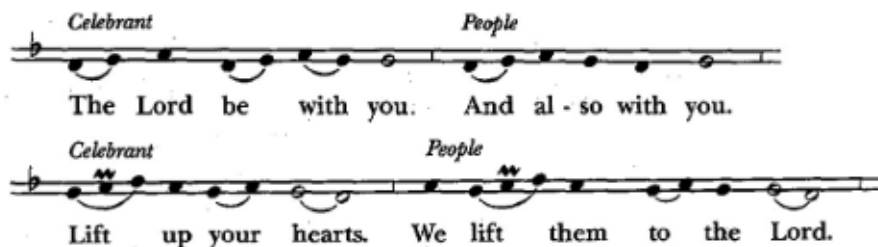
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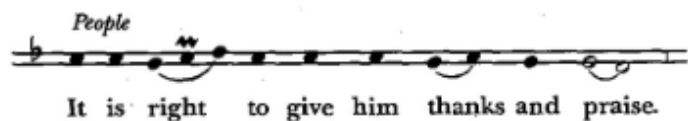
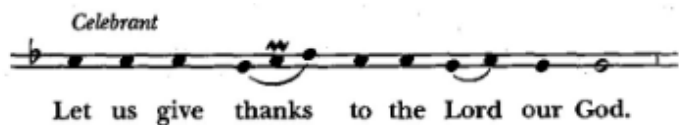
Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.





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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *The people stand or kneel.*

Hymnal S-129



Celebrant 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."

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant



Celebrant and People



Celebrant 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.**

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



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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymns

"Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee"

Hymnal 669

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee" (Hymnal 669). The score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the
 cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
 afraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
 bring thee to pine the in grief and care? God
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and



he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

"O Day Of God, Draw Nigh"

Hymnal 601



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Celebrant Let us pray. *All Stand*

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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession

"Holy Father, Great Creator"

Hymnal 368

Descant

4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na-tion let thy won-drous

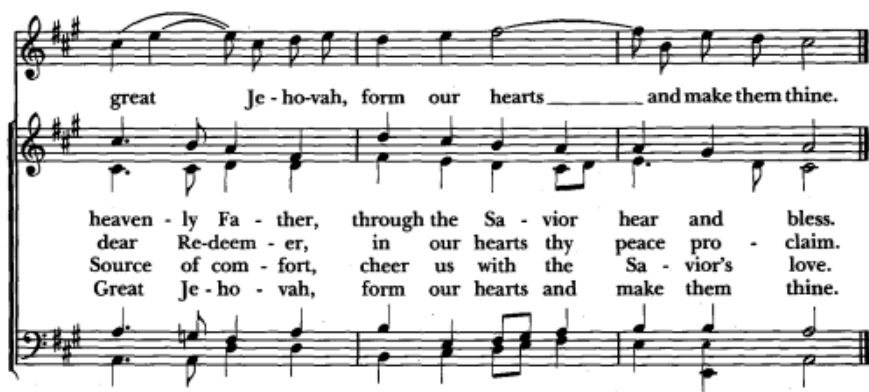
1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, come with unc - tion
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won-drous

mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
fill them with the Sa - vior's love, Source of com - fort,
ev - every tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,



Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Cover Art: “Parable of the Shrewd Manager” Marinus van Reymerswaele (1490-1546). National Museum in Warsaw.



Please keep these people in your prayers this week

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Debbie Price, Ron Stiehler, Nancy Hancock, Tom & Nancy Wakely, Mark Gilje, Josh Yarbrough, Debi Kelley, Suzanne Moore, Tom Selvidge, Linda Gill, Becky Young, Nancy Littlejohn, Bob Mansfield, Peter Rodrigues.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Michael, Eliza Rodrigues, Cecilia Prytko.

Birthdays: 9/21 John Hartley, 9/24 Peter Rodrigues

For the Departed: 9/26/1980 Ruby Little, 9/26/1994 Dorothy Dellinger, 9/26/1994 Virginia Stiehler, 9/27/1995 Pauline Hatch

This week at St Michael's

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| Sunday, September 21 | Vestry Meeting |
| Monday, September 22 | Crafts 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, September 23 | Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Eucharist 12:00 noon Catechism Class 6:00 p .m. Lectio Divina 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 24 | Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 28 | Michaelmas with Ministry Fair and Crock-pot-luck Lunch |



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