



**Order of Service, September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Ordinary Time**

**10 am Holy Eucharist
& Dedication of the Gospel Book**

Rev. Walter Gustav, Celebrant & Presider

Prelude – *In silence, time for prayer and reflection (and pray for a musician)* [Use BCP: p. 137]

Processional Hymn #390 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Salvation”

Dedication of the Gospel Book – Presented in memory of Jeanne James

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Priest: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today, we ask for God’s blessings as we gather with thankfulness to dedicate this Gospel Book to the glory of God. This book, which contains the Gospel readings which will be used at our congregation’s Sunday morning worship services and at other special worship services such as Christmas and Ash Wednesday.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Priest: This Gospel Book is given in memory of Jeanne James, a faithful member of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, who was empowered by God’s grace and served under the lordship of Christ in a variety of ways. Some of these ways included serving as Leader of the Altar Guild, President of the Episcopal Church Women, Treasurer for the congregation, and Organizer of the Springtime Tea and Fashion Show.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A Reading – “The Word of God is our Source of Peace and Strength and Hope”

Priest: O Lord, your word is a lamp unto my feet,

Congregation: And a light to my path.

Priest: When I feel afraid and think I’ve lost my way,

Congregation: Still Lord you are there right beside me.

Priest: Nothing will I fear,

Congregation: As long as you are near.

All: Please be near me to the end.

Priest: Jesus be my guide,

Congregation: Hold me to your side.

All: I will love you to the end.

Priest: O Lord, your word is a lamp unto my feet,

Congregation: And a light to my path.

Dedication of the Gospel Book

Priest: Gracious and Eternal God, let your blessings rest upon us as we dedicate this Gospel Book to your glory. Accept this Gospel Book which we offer in thanksgiving: may it increase our vision of your lordship, remind us of your goodness, and support our callings of service. Let the words that are read from this holy book be a blessing to us and everyone who hears them so that all of God's people may continue to be a blessing to others in their lives.

Congregation: Amen.

Priest: We now dedicate this Gospel Book to the glory of God and in memory of Jeanne James – In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Collect for Purity: *Let us pray together*

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 (*let us say together*) [BCP p. 356]

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together the Collect of the Day

The Collect for Today: 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 Scriptures

The First Reading comes from the Hebrew scriptures: the **Book of 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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 113 *Laudate, pueri* (say together)

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 is a Reading from the **1st Letter to 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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
- **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn #488 – “Be Thou My Vision”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to **Luke 16:1-13**

- **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."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Walter Gustav

Apostles' Creed – [BCP p. 53] Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Prayers of the People - Form III, p. 387 BCP

Confession

The Presider then says 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.

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 Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology with Alleluias' (sing to the tune of hymn 618)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Continue with Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Presider The Lord be with You

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Presider and People (say together)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant lays a hand upon it;

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say together:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,**

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Invitation: 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 by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn #Taise – “O Lord, hear my prayer” [*Communaute de Taizé*]

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me. (*repeat*)

Healing Prayers: *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer should go, after receiving the sacrament, to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join them for the laying on of hands.*

After Communion, the Presider says, Let us pray together
Presider and People pray in Unison

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.**

Prayer for the Eucharistic Visitor (If there is one today) (*Inside Back Cover of BCP*)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Announcements

Closing Hymn #676 – “*There is a Balm in Gilead*”

Dismissal Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude -- *In silence, time for prayer and reflection (and pray for a musician)* [*Use BCP: p. 137*]