



The Episcopal Church of St. Martin's, Lebanon, OR  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Ordinary Time  
The Holy Eucharist ~ 1 September 2024, 10:00 am  
The Rev. Deacon Keehna Sture  
Fr Robert Morrison, Presider & Celebrant

The Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude** (A time of Quiet Reflection)

**Opening Hymn #388** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

**Salutation** Presider

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

**Collect for Purity:** Presider *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** (say together) BCP p. 356

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Presider The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Presider Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day** (say together)

**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.**

**The Lessons**

**A reading from the Song of Solomon 2:8-13** Lector

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."

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

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

**Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10**

*Eructavit cor meum*

*(Say Responsively, Lector leading)*

<sup>1</sup> 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.*

<sup>2</sup> You are the fairest of men; \*  
*grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.*

<sup>7</sup> 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.*

<sup>8</sup> Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
*with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*

<sup>9</sup> All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
*and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.*

<sup>10</sup> Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
*on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.*

**A reading from the Letter of James 1:17-27**

Lector

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.

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

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

**Gospel Hymn #660**

*"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Deacon

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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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."

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

## The Sermon

Rev Robert Morrison

## The Nicene Creed

Presider

***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

PotP Reader

Reader: Gathered in the name of Jesus, and united by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, let us bring to God the cares and concerns of the world, the Church, and our own hearts.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Sean, Presiding Bishop-Elect, Diana, our Bishop, and leaders of local churches everywhere, that their lives may be congruent with the faith they profess, and that through their leadership, the whole world, one day, will be gathered together in God's loving and liberating embrace, let us pray to the Lord.

***All: Lord, hear our prayer.***

Reader: For our country and its leaders, that God's spirit of wisdom and justice may lead to decisions that promote and protect the well-being of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For a greater awareness of those who are powerless and voiceless, that we may recognize their struggles, hear their stories, and give voice to their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For a greater recognition of our call to be good stewards of God's creation, that we may honor the world God has commended to our care, and work diligently to preserve and promote the wise use of its resources, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We pray for those who are ill and suffering in body, mind, or spirit, that God's healing may rest upon them. We name them now in silence or aloud (*Pause*).

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: We commend into your presence, O God, those who have died, that they may rest in your peace. We name them now in silence or aloud (*Pause*).

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

**The Offertory Sentence:**

Celebrant

Presider: Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Hymn of Presentation:** Doxology – (*sing to the tune of Hymn #380*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Celebrant and People *(Say Together)*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**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.

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

***We remember his death / We proclaim his resurrection / We await his coming in glory***

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 blessed Mary, blessed 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.**

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say *(Say together)*

***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.***

***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.***

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Fraction Anthem** *(Say Together)*

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace**

Presider 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 and with thanksgiving

**Communion Hymn**

*Instrumental*

**The Post-Communion Prayer** *(please say together)*

Celebrant

**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 St. Martin's** *(let us pray together)*

Deacon

**God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.**

**Prayer for Labor Day**

*(let us pray together)*

Celebrant and Congregation

Celebrant: As the sun rises to bring in the new day: We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

**Congregation: We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.**

Celebrant: We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

**Congregation: We remember those who are struggling to meet the expenses of their daily living, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.**

Celebrant: As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

**Congregation: We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.**

Celebrant: We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

**Congregation: We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.**

Celebrant: Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live.

**Congregation: Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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Presider

**The Benediction**

Presider

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn #344**

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

**The Dismissal**

Deacon

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

