

will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 125*

*Qui confidunt*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

*The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.*

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

*Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.*

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will  
lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

**The Epistle:** *James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

*The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1, 2 & 3 are sung before the readings and verse 4 is sung after.*

**HYMN H-603** When Christ was lifted from the earth

*St. Botolph*

**The Gospel:** *Mark 7:24-37*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, According to Mark.  
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did

not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go -- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Stephen Secaur

*The people stand to say*

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 people are led in*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, EOW FORM III**

Merciful God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine our Presiding Bishop; for Mark our bishop; for Steve and Caroline our priests; Lydia our Deacon and for all the clergy and people.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

06 September 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II, EOW

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

*This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist found in Enriching Our Worship, supplemental liturgical texts. Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 or the black Lift Every Voice.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand to sing*

**HYMN H-493** O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Azmon*

### ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be our God.  
People: For ever and ever. Amen.

*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.*

**GLORY TO GOD** Gloria in excelsis

*S280*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit for*

### THE LESSONS

**The First Reading:** *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8,9, 22-23*

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*  
Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*  
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . .

*The people kneel for*  
**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Celebrant and People*  
*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.*

*The Celebrant pronounces absolution*  
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**  
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

**PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION**  
*The people may come forward to receive a special prayer or blessing.*

*The people are seated for the*  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ALTAR PREPARATION**  
*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

**HYMN L-154** Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness *James E. Moore, Jr.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**  
*The people stand to sing*  
**At the Presentation:** The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3) *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
*The people remain standing to sing*  
Our father’s God, to thee (Hymn 717 v-4) *America*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** EOW 2  
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *S120*  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and

taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** Sanctus *S130*

*The Celebrant continues*  
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph her spouse, Blessed Bartholomew, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,  
*Celebrant and people*  
*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. And 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.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
**Fraction Anthem** Christ our Passover *S154*

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 by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**  
*All baptized people—whether Episcopalian or not—are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. If you wish to receive a healing blessing from the Celebrant, when you come to the rail for Communion, fold your hands in prayer.*

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*  
**COMMUNION L-74** Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love *Ghana Folk Song*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.  
*Celebrant and people*

*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**  
Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

*The people stand to sing*  
**HYMN H-371** Thou, whose almighty word *Moscow*

**THE DISMISSAL**  
*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond*  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

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*The sanctuary lamp*  
*is dedicated to the glory of God*  
*by Elssy Lawrence*  
*in memory of Dr. Lincoln W. Lawrence*  
*on their anniversary*

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