

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18

September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Service begins with the Lighting of the Candles and the Organ Voluntary.

Please use this time for *silent prayer* and *meditation*.

## Voluntary

*Prelude and Fugue in G Major*  
from **Eight Little Preludes and Fugues**

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

## Hymn in Procession

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Hymn 493

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God fore ever and ever.**

## Song of Praise

Canticle 13: *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter, S - 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## 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 Word of God

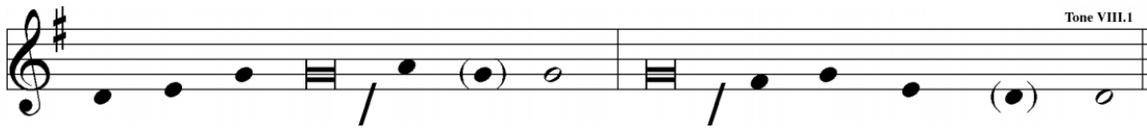
*Please Be Seated*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 35 : 4 - 7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, / O my soul!\*
- I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I / have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any / child of earth,\*
- for there / is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they re/turn to earth,\*
- and in that day / their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!\*
- whose hope is / in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;\*
- who keeps his pro/mise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,\*
- and food to / those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;\*
- the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;\*
- he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way / of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,\*
- your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson**

James 2 : 1 - 10, 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. 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            The Word of the Lord.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**Gradual Hymn**

*Thou, Whose Almgihy Word*

Hymn 371

**The Gospel**

Mark 7 : 24 - 37

Celebrant        The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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. Jonathan W. Evans

*Please Stand*

## 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.*

*Please Stand or Kneel*

## The Prayers of the People

Father, 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.

*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, sickness, or trouble; especially for Bill and Betsy Smith, Ben, Jodie and Paul Naso, Michael and Andrew Ierardi.

*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 who are serving in our Armed Forces: Katie Coston, Noah Evans, Dane Grauer, Devin Harrity, Sal Filardi Jr, Emma McHenry, Kate McHenry-Evans, Schaeffer McHenry-Grauer, Troy Nelson, Tristan Pate, James Pyles, Doug Ross, Drew Scullard, Daniel Williams, Peter Witte. Those whose birthdays we celebrate this week: Jeffrey Abalos, Ronald Benson, Bill Docimo, Tamela Pittaro, Caroline Richards, Nancy Scofield, Grace Stafford, Marc Buck, Larry Cavallaro, Chloe Chadwick, Kenneth Charnley, Elizabeth Martiner, Kate McHenry; as well as those celebrating anniversaries this week: Tom and Donna Cote, Bob and Colleen Rossomando, Al and Lorraine Ciano.

*Silence*

## Concluding Collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant      Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be observed.*

*All*              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.**

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

*Please Stand*

## The Peace

Celebrant      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*              And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### During the Offering

*Andante in F Major*

John Stanley

*Please Stand*

### Offertory Hymn

*The Doxology with Alleluias*

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant     The Lord be with you.  
*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 him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

David Hurd, S - 124

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

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

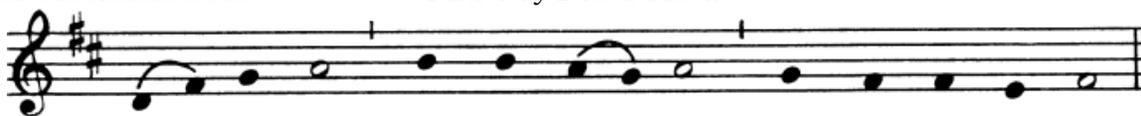
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Memorial Acclamation

*Music by David Hurd*



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Monica and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

## Great Amen

Music by David Hurd



## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Fraction Anthem

God's Paschal Lamb

WLP 880, vs. 1 Tune: *Sine nomine*

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; Therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast; forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion (10:00 AM)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

*You are invited and encouraged to come to God's table. The communion bread is received on an outstretched palm.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## During Communion

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Hymn 602

*Please Stand*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

## Hymn in Procession

*Come, Labor On*

Hymn 541

## Voluntary

*Overture to the Royal Fireworks*

Georg Friedrich Handel  
Arr. E. Power Biggs