

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



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THE TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 15

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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10:30 a.m.

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The 12th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Opening Hymn: Tell out my soul vs. 1-4 Hymn # 438

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Unseen God,
drawing all people
to the end of our desires:
teach us to know
true bread from false
and to feed on him
who shares our flesh
to share your love,
Jesus Christ, our communion. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

- 1 Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- 2 She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed
her wine, she has also set her table.
- 3 She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- 4 'You that are simple, turn in here!'
To those without sense she says,
- 5 'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 34:9-14

The Cantor chants the psalm.

- 9 O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

14 Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be, world without end.
Amen.

The New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: In your mercy vs. 1-2 Hymnal #706

1. In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
 taught my sin-filled heart and mind,
 else this world had still enthralled me,
 and to glory kept me blind.

2. Lord, I did not freely choose you
 till by grace you set me free;
 for my heart would still refuse you
 had your love not chosen me.

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
 to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of
this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of
the world is my flesh.'

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn (*continued*) **In your mercy vs. 3 Hymnal #706**

3. Now my heart sets none above you,
for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well, that if I love you,
you, O Lord, have loved me first.

The Sermon: Bread of Life 3: Flesh for the Life

The Creed

Led by the LEM, the People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

The 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 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 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

The LEM or Reader leads the People in the following prayers

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

Silence

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

Silence

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.¹

Offertory

The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

¹ Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, giver of life and light. You fill us with your blessings and feed us with your constant love;

you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus, renewed us in your Spirit, and brought us into everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

The People, led by the Choristers, sing:

Sanctus: Holy, holy lord God

Hymnal # S130

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, maker of all things, judge of all who live. You made us in your image and to live in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care and bade us be faithful stewards of its bounty. But we honored not your gifts, misused your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Christ Jesus, to live as one of us, and to reveal your glory. Giving himself up to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and opened for us the way of everlasting life.

On the night before he died, as he sat at table with his friends, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The People, led by the LEM, say

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

In that mystery we offer to you this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that may they become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we who share them be filled with that same Spirit to live as Christ's Body in the world. May we come to the everlasting heritage of your children, and with the apostles and martyrs and all your saints, enter into the joys of your salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the Choristers, sing

Lord's Prayer: Our Father

LEVAS # 264

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The
Celebrant continues*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn: Pass me not o gentle Savior vs. 1-3 LEVAS #139

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Refrain:
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

3. Trusting only in thy merit,
Would I seek thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by thy grace.

Refrain:

Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

The People consume their gifts in place, or come forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. The Celebrant prays

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing

The Bishop, when present, or the Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn: Jesus shall reign vs. 1-3 Hymnal #544

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

The Celebrant and the LEM recess to the narthex.

Dismissal

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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