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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Opening Welcome

Organ Prelude *Elegy*

N. Rawsthorne

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 372, vv.1 and 4 only *Praise to the living God*

Please refrain from singing.

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

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

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People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

Celebrant and People
(said in unison)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Reader A Reading from Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

Eructavit cor meum

1 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.

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

7 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.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

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

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

Reader A Reading from James 1:17-27

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence *Hymn 574 vv. 1 and 2 only* *Before thy throne, O God we kneel*

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Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
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Sermon The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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 Form VI

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Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for all those suffering from the upheaval and violence in Afghanistan, and from the effects of the earthquake in Haiti.

People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our Bishops; Lynn our priest, Celal our deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People *For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Elizabeth "Betsy" Hosp, sister of Bill Hosp, who died August 9 and those we mention by name on our prayer list on page 12.

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;
People *For your mercy is great.*

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Carly Ronaldi, Blake Albertson, Catherine Dean, Bill Moon, Linda Gallini, Han Garcia, Keith Albertson, Ellen Hishta, Calvin Lewis, Mo Faber, Patrick Hishta, and Margaret Schavland.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Reader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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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.

Celebrant 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.

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 660 all 4 verses O Master let me walk with thee

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;

teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

The Doxology *Hymn 380 v. 3 only*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

Celebrant 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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit *(said in unison)*

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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;

Celebrant 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 Virgin Mary 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 forever. AMEN.

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

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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Communion Hymn 707 *Take my life, and let it be*

Please refrain from singing.

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;

it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(in unison)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional *Hymn 344 vv 1 and 3 only* Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Please refrain from singing.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

Deacon *(Sentence of dismissal)*

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude *Maestoso*

E. Titcomb

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For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Ray Baumann, Sharon Michel, Jack Oats, Diana Wood, Andy, Chrissy, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, E.J. Delaune, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott and Darryl Sebastian.

We pray for Elizabeth "Betsy" Hosp, sister of Bill Hosp. who died August 9.

The people may add their own petitions

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

We pray for those around the world affected by natural disaster and political turmoil especially Haiti and Afghanistan.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders.



Announcements

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Weather permitting, Coffee Hour will be held on the patio outside of the Common Room double doors following this service. We hope you can join us!
- **The Fall worship schedule** begins Sunday, September 12, with services at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am.**

- **Registration for All Christian Education Classes.** Adult, youth, and children will register for Sunday school Sunday, September 12, at 9:15 am in the Common Room.
- **Adult Bible Study** on the Gospel of Luke continues every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Annex. You will receive readings and simple reflections the week prior to each Sunday via email.
- **Alpha!** A course to talk about faith, life and God. Alpha is intended for all: newcomers, well-versed in the faith, and outsiders. We will have food, fun, and fellowship starting September 19, on Sundays in between the two services at 9:15 am in the Vestry Meeting House. Contact Rev. Celal for more information and to sign up.
- **The Activities Fair** is scheduled for September 19 between services. To display your group activity and sign up, contact Jane Thurston at fuzzyandjane@gmail.com 703-339-1301.
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** begins September 20, and will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7 pm to 9 pm Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.
- **Apple Butter weekend September 24-25, and Pohick Fair, October 2.** Volunteers of all ages will be needed. Sign-up sheets for are posted on the tower in the Common Room.
- **Floral Workshop:** The Flower Guild will host a floral workshop on Saturday, September 18 at 10 am. Professional florist, Lisa Ruf (BJ McPherson's daughter) will lead the hands-on workshop. Everyone is welcome. Contact Susan Pehrsson at spehrsson79@gmail.com or 703-282-6574.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** Reopening! Sept 12th, 9 am. See what's new—beautiful gemstone crosses handmade by Grant Hodges, olive wood decor from Bethlehem, Pohick and fall items!

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry, and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.

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