

**Pohick Episcopal Church • September 5, 2021 • 10:00 am**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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**Opening Welcome**

**Organ Prelude** *Prelude in F*

*J.S. Bach*

**The Word of God**

**Processional** Hymn 423, vv.1 and 4 only *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*Please refrain from singing.*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

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*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.

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 Lessons**

Reader        A Reading from Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour 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 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        The Word of the Lord.

*People*       *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 125**

***Qui confidunt***

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

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

3 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.

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

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

Reader            A Reading from 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            The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence** *Hymn 493 vv. 1,2, 3,and 4    O for a thousand tongues to sing*

*Please refrain from singing.*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth  
abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! the Name that charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Deacon        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7:24-37

*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."

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sequence** *Hymn 493 vv. 5 and 6 only*    *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

*Please refrain from singing.*

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

**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 still suffering from the upheaval and violence in Afghanistan, for the thousands of Afghan refugees and those recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ida.

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 the family of Jim  
Anderholm, who died August 29 and those we mention by name on our prayer list on page 11.  
*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: Paul Marshall, Reagan Norman, Josh Bays, Brent Goeller, Cynthia Jacobus, Janet  
Ayorinde, Susan Homar, Julia Howard, Matt Johnson, Tideman Penland, Tyler Tatum, Seyi  
Ayorinde, Sarah Saucerman, Andrew Choi, Hunter Spencer  
*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 *Communion* *E. Dicks*

The Doxology *Hymn 380 v. 3 only* *Old One Hundredth*

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 Him 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 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.*

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*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.*

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**Communion** Hymn 603 vv 1, 2, 3 and 4 *When Christ was lifted from the earth  
Please refrain from singing.*

When Christ was lifted from the earth,  
his arms stretched out above  
through every culture, every birth,  
to draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends  
and always, near or far,  
he calls and claims us as his friends  
and loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race  
divide us to our shame,  
he sees not labels but a face,  
a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known,  
may I in Christ be free  
to welcome and accept his own  
as Christ accepted me.

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 371 vv 1, 3 and 4 only* *Thou whose almighty word*

*Please refrain from singing.*

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight!  
Move on the waters' face  
bearing the gifts of grace,  
and, in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might;  
boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
let there be light!

## Dismissal

*Deacon* *(Sentence of dismissal)*

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

**Postlude** *March* *E. Dicks*

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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, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Diana Wood, Andy, Chrissy, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D’Andrea Wooten, E.J. Delaune, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter and Darryl Sebastian.

*The people may add their own petitions*

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Paul Marshall, Reagan Norman, Josh Bays, Brent Goeller, Cynthia Jacobus, Janet Ayorinde, Susan Homar, Julia Howard, Matt Johnson, Tideman Penland, Tyler Tatum, Seyi Ayorinde, Sarah Saucerman, Andrew Choi, Hunter Spencer

We pray for the family of Jim Anderholm, who died August 29.

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

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind.

We pray for the victims of Hurricane Ida.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Altar and Flower Guilds and Choirs.



## 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!
- **Rev. Deacon Celal Kamran** will be ordained to the Holy Order of Priests this Thursday, Sept 9 at 7 pm at St. Andrews Burke. All are invited.
- **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.
  - **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.
  - **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.
- 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. Sunday school begins September 19.
- **Apple Butter weekend schedule: September 24** set up day, noon to 6pm, **September 25** sauce day, 6:30am to 6pm **and September 26** cooking and canning day, 6am to 6pm. **Pohick Fair, October 2.** Volunteers of all ages will be needed. Sign-up sheets for are posted on the tower in the Common Room.
- **Suggestions for assisting Afghan refugees or Hurricane victims:**
  - You may place financial donations marked “Afghan Refugees” in the offering plate or send to the office by September 13.
  - Send a check marked “Hurricane Relief” to the church office by September 18.
  - Bring donations of clothes for all ages to the Common Room between Sunday, September 5 and Sunday, September 12..

- House an Afghan pilot in your home, a program sponsored by Special Forces Association Chapter XI. Email Larry Provost for more information at [lawrenceprovost@aol.com](mailto:lawrenceprovost@aol.com).
- Please pray about these opportunities: <https://mailchi.mp/1268e3513e1a/support-afghan-allies?e=22b44356f6>
- You may choose to financially support relief efforts for victims of **Hurricane Ida** in the southern U.S. You may donate through this link: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>
- **Wear your name tags** to welcome newcomers! If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: [fuzzyandjane@gmail.com](mailto:fuzzyandjane@gmail.com) or 703-339-1301.
- Volunteers needed for hosting **Fellowship Coffee Hours** between services. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
- **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](mailto:spehrsson79@gmail.com) or 703-282-6574.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop Reopening!** September 12 at 9 am. See what's new – beautiful gemstone crosses handmade by Grant Hodges, olivewood décor 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.*

**Pohick Episcopal Church**

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