

# Service of Holy Communion – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Roanoke, VA

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* – arr. Aaron David Miller

## GATHERING SONG: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!  
2. It makes the wound-ed spir - it whole and calms the heart's un - rest;  
3. O Je - sus, shep-herd, guar-dian, friend, my proph-et, priest, and king,  
4. How weak the ef - fort of my heart, how cold my warm - est thought;  
5. Till then I would thy love pro - claim with ev' - ry fleet - ing breath;

It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.  
and may the mu - sic of they name re - fresh my soul in death.

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C** Amen

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>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;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-11, 14-17**

L A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>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,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[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,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>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.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

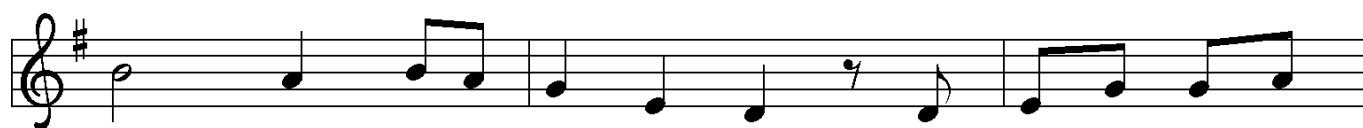
<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*



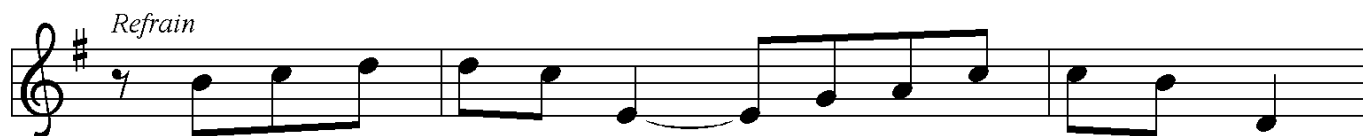
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition concludes:*

L Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

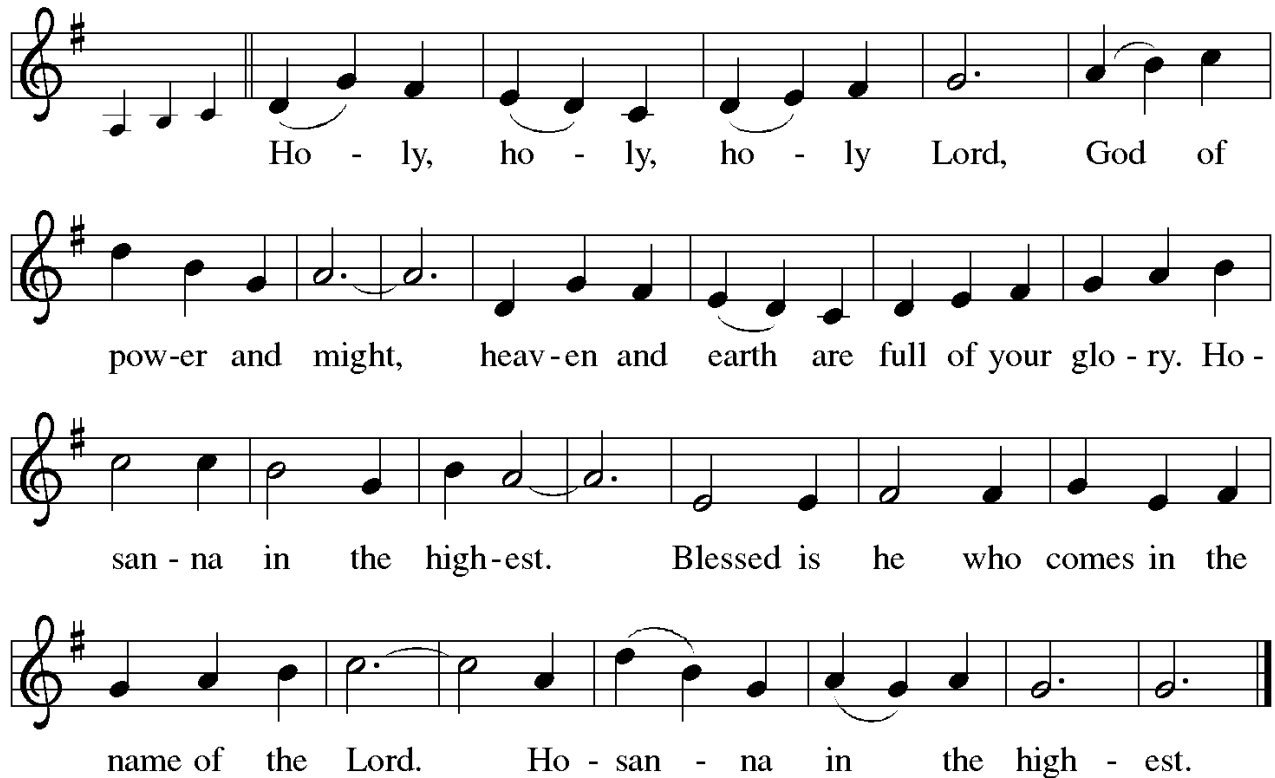
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues, concluding:*

P we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, concluding:*

P to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C** **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,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*As the presiding minister says the following, we commune ourselves.*

**P** The body of Christ given for you.

**C** **Amen**

**P** The blood of Christ shed for you.

**C** **Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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## **BLESSING**

**L** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

SENDING SONG: *All Our Work and All Our Being*

1. All our work and all our be - ing come from you, most gra-cious  
 2. Some may nur - ture those who hun - ger, tend and heal the bro - ken  
 3. Let us la - bor in the know-ledge that no task can be too

Lord. Ev' - ry task which lies be - fore us: our Cre-  
 heart; set our flag - ging spir - its danc - ing, spark our  
 small; that the God who stretched the heav - ens no less

- a - tor's will out - poured. Help us as we build your  
 vis - ion through their art. Oth - ers teach and of - fer  
 shaped the least of all. Give us strength, Lord, to ac -

king - dom know we la - bor not in vain; give us  
 coun - sel, bear life's bur - dens, ease its care; strive for  
 - com - plish what you set our hands to do, that by

sure and deep con - vic - tion for the tasks that you or - dain.  
 jus - tice, peace, and free - dom for all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.  
 serv - ing those a - round us, we re - turn the gift to you.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, loving God and loving your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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