

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

## WE GATHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Song 46

Tune: Orlando Gibbons

Arr. Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN

Love is spoken here

Love is spo - ken here Step in - side the door - way  
Make your - self at home my friend where God is near.  
Love is spo - ken here, Hush, and you will hear it, And  
when the qui - et's bro - ken, love is spo - ken here.

OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*People* **And blessed be the Life of God, now and for ever!**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And God's Spirit with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to

those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-3,6-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

<sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods **shall have their troubles multiplied.**

<sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I will not offer, **nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; **it is you who uphold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; **my heart teaches me, night after night.**  
<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; **because he is at my right hand, I shall fall.**  
<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; **my body also shall rest in hope.**  
<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, **nor let your holy one see the Pit.**  
<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of **life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,**  
**and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**THE GOSPEL** Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

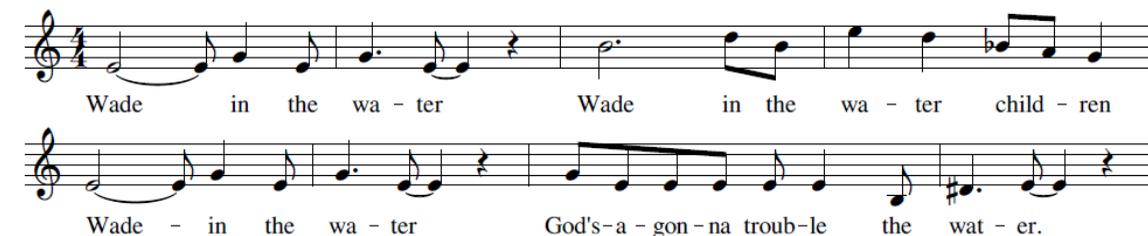
'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** The Way of Fruitfulness The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

**THE WATER OF LIFE**

**SONG** Wade in the water



**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present Aleena Amor Davis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Aleena who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE BAPTISM**

Aleena Amor, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Aleena, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen!**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Celebrant* Now let us join with Aleena, who is committing herself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

## THE PEACE (Standing)

- Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people exchange a sign of Peace.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN (Standing)

Revive us again

LEVAS 157

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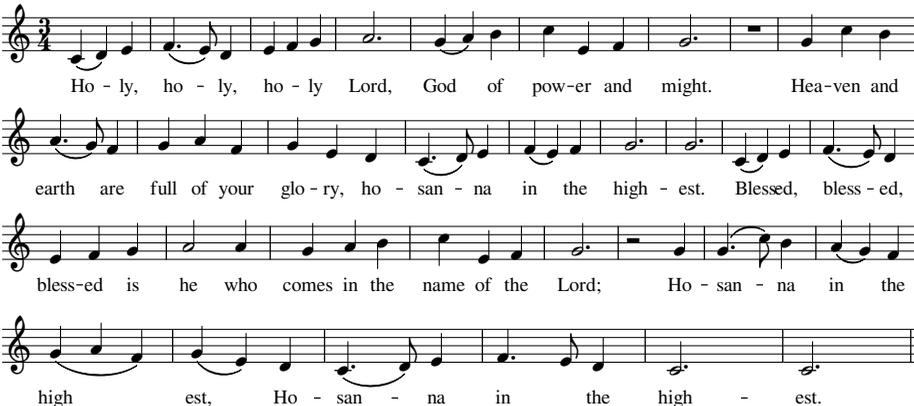
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## THE HOLY MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.**

We praise you and thank you, Almighty God, for you are holy above all things.  
**You are the Love which made us, and sustains us, and redeems us.**  
You are the heavenly Father, dwelling in eternal relationship  
with the Son and the Spirit, **and you invite us to be part of Your life.**  
Therefore we join our voices with the heavenly host praising You as we sing:



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

Yet you did not leave us fatherless:

Through the Law and the Promise you claimed us as your people.

**Through the prophets you called to live again as your children.**

And in these last days you sent your Son to be one of us,  
the first fruits of the redeemed people of God,  
**the first-born heir of the family into which we have been adopted.**

Through the mystery of baptism you have offered us a way  
**to die his death and to be raised with his resurrection.**

Through the waters of baptism you have set us free,  
**you have washed away our sins, you have washed our feet and our hearts.**

Through the oil of baptism you have sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit,  
**the pledge of the inheritance which will be fully ours  
when God has redeemed His own, to his glory and praise.**

And that we might never forget this new life we have received in baptism,  
you have given us this reminder in the Holy Eucharist,  
this weekly participation in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ  
**as we receive his body and blood.**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
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 for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

And so we do this to remember You, to receive You.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, we pray:

**Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon Your people, we pray:

**Fill us with the love of the Father, the courage of the Son, the power of the Spirit,  
of the life of God.**

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is the Father's, now and for ever.  
*And all the people said: AMEN.*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,**

**Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Jesus, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

People **Be known through us as we walk your way of Love.**

#### THE COMMUNION

*Consecrated bread will be brought to all present in person; those worshipping  
at home are invited to partake of consecrated bread and wine at home tables.*

#### COMMUNION SOLO

Come down O Love divine

#### PRAYER OF THOSE NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION

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.

#### PRAYER OF THANKS

**God who is Love, we thank you for feeding us in this meal, as persons and as a  
community gathered in Christ. As You have filled us with Your love, let us go from this  
family table into the world, bearing Your love to the whole human family.**

**Send us out to speak love, show love, live love and witness to that Love that made us,  
keeps us and will not let us go; in the name of Love, our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray:  
Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CLOSING HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling Hymnal 657

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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## THE PRAYERS

**We Pray For:** Those in need of healing – Melanie Coe, Alicia Cordelle, Steve Blamer, John MacCoy, Marion Denniston, Barry Kercher, Joan Shoemaker, Beverly Stone, Garner Burroughs, Stephen Watkins, Andie Corby, Patsy Coy.

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## THE WAY OF LOVE IN CHALLENGING TIMES- Series Starts September 13th

This fall we will return to the Way of Love, seven practices for a Jesus-centered life - this time with a focus on how deepening our faith can help us in the hard times we face now. Each Sunday our worship will focus on a practice, and in the hour before worship we'll have a time of learning. (The class begins September 20th). We will also offer The Way of Love for Children as Sunday school starting September 20. Families can also move through the series at home, using this wonderful resource. Sign up here for the class; just show up for worship!

## SACRED GROUND: RACIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE SERIES - Starts 9-16

The Christ Churches will host an online Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle, meeting on Zoom every third Wednesday from mid-September 2020 through April 2021. Sacred Ground is a 10-session program developed by the Episcopal Church "that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism." The curriculum includes short films and videos and readings, as well as facilitated discussion. It moves toward the "vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing."

Register [here](#) if you will be part of this circle. A link to the gathering will be sent.

## SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LEADERSHIP LAUNCHING IN FALL

As part of its strategic objectives to revitalize churches to grow the Jesus movement and inspire every person to grow in faith and equip our leaders to lead well, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington is creating a School for Christian Faith and Leadership. With a "soft launch" this fall, the School will begin offering courses, toolkits and groups to help people in our parishes go deeper in faith and wider in mission. [Here](#) is a video with Special Missioner for the School, the Rev. Jenifer Gamber. And [here](#) is where you can find the offerings this fall - including a course Rev. Kate is leading starting October 5, Evangelism: The Sacred Art of Story-Sharing. Register [here](#).

**NIGHT PRAYERS AND CHECK IN - Weekday evenings at 8 pm Online** - We've been gathering for evening prayers since this Covid-19 social distancing began, and it's been rich and wonderful. So we will continue meeting online each evening to pray and to check in with each other. The format is based on our Compline service but flexible enough that people outside our congregations can wander in and be comfortable. Invite a friend or neighbor or family member - it doesn't matter where they live! There is plenty of room on Zoom. Click here to join by internet. You can also call in: 1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 609 359 4889

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## HYMNS

### **Revive us again**

1. We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus Who died, And is now gone above.

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

2. We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light,  
Who hath shown us our Savior, And scattered our night.

*Refrain*

3. All glory and praise To the Lamb that was slain,  
Who hath borne all our sins, And hath cleansed every stain.

*Refrain*

4. Revive us again; Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled With fire from above.

*Refrain*

### **Love divine, all loves excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.