

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 • 10 am • Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)



**St. Michael's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## **Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!**

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

### **Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.**

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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### **Service Notes**

An asterisk (\*) denotes moments when the congregation is invited to stand (as able)  
“Hymnal” refers to the Celebration Hymnal located throughout the Nave.

### **About *Enriching Our Worship* (EOW)**

During the last portion of Ordinary Time (the Season after Pentecost) we will be using the liturgical resources from *Enriching Our Worship*. This is a series of supplemental texts authorized by the Episcopal Church to expand and deepen our worship life. It offers inclusive and expansive language for prayers and rites, enriching our experience of God's presence and mystery. EOW is not intended to replace the Book of Common Prayer, but instead to augment and complement it.

# The Word of God

## Call to Worship

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

### \* Processional Song

*"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Celebration # 403

### \* Opening Acclamation & Collect

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One,

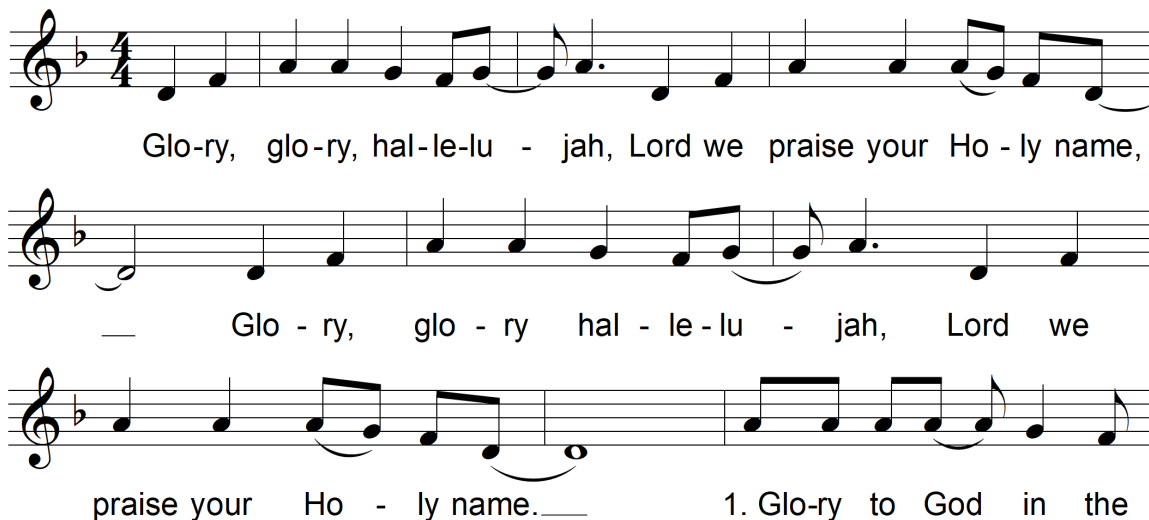
**People You come to your people and set them free**

Celebrant God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### \* Song of Praise

*"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah"*

Haywood



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,

— Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name. — 1. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty - y - God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for \_\_\_ your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. Glo - ry,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.



\_\_\_ Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name.\_\_\_\_ 4. You take a-way the



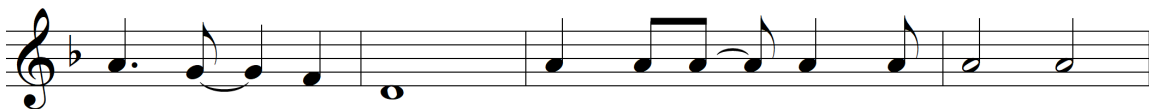
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. 5. You are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our\_\_\_\_



prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a -



lone are\_\_\_\_ the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



glo - ry of\_\_\_\_ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu -

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. Glo - ry,

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your

Ho - ly name. A - - - men.

## \* Collect of the Day

Proper 18

Celebrant God 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.

## First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall

join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 149** (*spoken*)

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.  
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.  
Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;  
To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;  
To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah.

## Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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# \* Sequence Song

*“South African Alleluia”*

1x/1x

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -

le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al -

le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# \* Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord.

People      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Heather Rhoads

### **\* Nicene Creed**

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, and who 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.

## \* Prayers of the People

## Form II

**Intercessor:** I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Amy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember this day those on our altar prayer list and those you would name.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

I ask your prayers for the departed and those who grieve.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray for the Church. *(Petitions may be offered, either silently or aloud.)*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* The Confession and Absolution

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins to God.

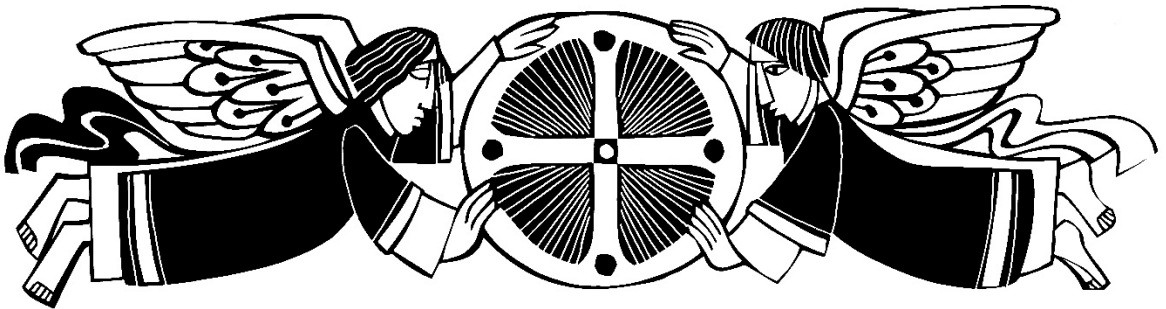
**All:** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

**People**        And also with you.



## Welcome and Announcements

- **September Birthdays and Anniversaries:** “O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”
- **Confirmation & Episcopal 101 Class** – Sundays at 9 am
- **Grandparents’ Day** – Sunday, September 13
- **Third Thursday Poll** – September 17, 6 pm
- **Patronal Picnic Feast of St. Michael** – Sunday, Sept 27, after service



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread is available by request. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

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# The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

*"Bind Us Together"*

Celebration # 425

**The Presentation**

*"Thank You"*

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son. And  
leav - ing Your Spir - it til the work on earth is done.

## 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

\* Sanctus

*"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"*

Brown

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord of the Lord Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



## \* The Lord's Prayer\*

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

**All** 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 us 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 for ever. Amen.

## \* The Breaking of the Bread



1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur - dened.  
2. Come to me, come to us, pil - grim or strang - er,



Come to the Word, and come to the meal.  
look - ing for change, or chal - lenge or light.



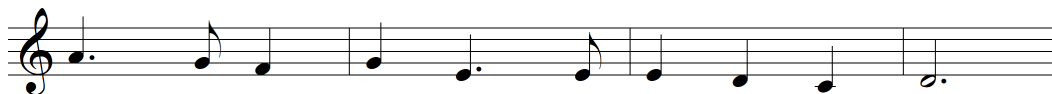
Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:  
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,



come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
bear - ers of mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_ nour - ished in prayer. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Come to me, come to us, bro - ken or build - ing,



come with your chil - dren, your choic - es, your chains.



All are in - vi - ted to friend - ship or rest, to



share in our strug - gle, our call and our quest, \_\_\_\_\_ to



share in our strug - gle, our call \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and our quest. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**\* Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

**All**              Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\* Closing Hymn**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

Celebration F1

**\* Dismissal**

Celebrant      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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





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