

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2009

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer
Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Dalles, Oregon

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

Hymnal 423

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.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

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.

The Acclamation

Celebrant
People

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 116:1-8

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- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord*
in the land of the living.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah.

The Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Father, we pray for all members of your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for the retired clergy of this parish; for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert. We pray particularly for Bishop Rustin and the diocese of Alaska; Father Noe and the people of Cap Haitien; for Father Daniel and the people of Sudan; for all members of this parish in their diverse ministries and service; and for all who serve in your church;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for members of this parish, especially for Kaethe Worcester, Sharon Paz, Shirley Bjelland, Jim Shinn, and Rule Beasley. We pray for the Haiti Mission Team; the choir, students and teachers, and for all who go forth to serve others in your name. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Open our eyes to see you in all things;

That we may find your peace, blessing and grace in every moment.

We pray today for Jane Schafroth, Jerry and Anne, Sandy, Megan, Anne, Caroline, Dale, Dean and Mary. Please add your own intercessions at this time.

(Congregation adds petitions)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin *Stand or Kneel* BCP p360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence.

**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

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life
The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for ministry and aid to the people in the Sudan*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Choir

The Doxology Hymnal 380

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, WLP 858
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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 Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymns

O love, how deep

Hymnal 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Celebrant may bless the people

The Closing Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymnal 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Deacon [Dismissal]

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

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Don Dickinson; Worship Leader: Diane Walworth; Eucharist Minister: Gretchen Kimsey;
Lector: Don Dickinson; Prayers of the People: Shirley Bjelland and Ron Fullmer; Pianist: Rule Beasley;
Altar Guild: Alice Rohrbacher and Monte Dickson; Altar Bread: Sally Forster; Coffee Hour: Pat and Mike Fowler;
Greeter: Barbara Williams.*

Today's flowers are given by Lewis and Barbie Hodgkins, in honor of their birthdays.

PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family, especially Audean, Piper, Dolli, Bill Whitacre, Jill McHale, Arnold Harding, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Mary Emerson, Jan Jarding, Cathy Dahl, Marilyn Cornwell, Dorothy Wilson, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

For Falco and all animals: May God Bless and keep them and give them safe and loving homes.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm	Taylor Hall
Tuesday	NO Bible Study	1:00 pm	Library
Wednesday	AA "closed" meeting	7:00 pm	Taylor Hall
	Vestry	7:00 pm	Common Room
Thursday	Healing Service	12:00 Noon	
	CAP	6:30 pm	Taylor Hall
Saturday	Father Daniel Kuot	4-7:00 pm	Open House Meeting, 308 East 10 th Street
	AA meeting	6:00 pm	Taylor Hall

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

*Jeremiah 11-18-20; Psalm 54;
James 3:134:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIS SUNDAY IS "RALLY SUNDAY": Time to reconnect, look over the various ministries and happenings here at St. Paul's, enjoy lunch after the 10:00 Service with friends and neighbors from church and neighborhood, consider ministry opportunities, and have your car washed to benefit the Haiti Mission, as well! Please Come and Join the Fun!

NEXT SUNDAY, September 20, Father Daniel Kuot will join us to see pictures and to talk about his ministry and about the people of Sudan. On Saturday we will have a chance to meet with him and talk to him personally and informally at a gathering at Walworth's home, from 4-7:00 pm. Appetizers and Desserts will be provided. Please come as you can to enjoy this time with Daniel~ he is a delightful, faithful, and inspiring servant of God.

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex:

the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

A CARE BOX for Gavin and Amy is now on the shelf in the narthex, just outside the window to the office. Please add to the box books, cards and notes, CD's or anything that makes you think of them and might help them feel connected with us. With that box of treats will go all our love and prayers, so please add yours!

CHECK *The Messenger* and the web site for news and committee reports, information about what's going on in the parish, pictures of events, schedules for servers, and all kinds of information our parish family needs to stay in touch!

THANKS - To Mike and Pat Fowler, Jerry Frazier and the men's group, and all who have brought food and helped to host the coffee hour and lunch today. Thanks also to Diane Walworth, Monte Dickinson, and all who have put together our wonderful ministry fair today. You have made service and stewardship fun!

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