

The 15th Sunday After

# PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

## We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #7      *Christ, whose Glory Fills the Sky*      Please stand & sing as you are able.

Opening Sentence: Psalm 122:1

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Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

### Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia!**

Officiant & People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant: Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

People: **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Officiant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

People: **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant: For the Lord is a great God, \*

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

People: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant: The sea is his, for he made it, \*

People: **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

People: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

People: **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### Antiphon 3

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Lesson: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A reading from the book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor 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

*Reader:* Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*

*People:* **which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

*Reader:* The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*

*People:* **so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth forevermore.**

*Reader:* The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*

*People:* **so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

*Reader:* Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*

*People:* **and to those who are true of heart.**

*Reader:* As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*

*People:* **but peace be upon Israel.**

### Second Lesson: James 2:1-17

*Reader:* A reading from the Letter of James

*Reader:* 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.**

**Gradual Hymn: #628**

***Help Us O Lord To Learn***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*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 Syrophoenician 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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily:** Pam Lipscomb

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## We Pray

### Lord's Prayer

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant & 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.**

### Suffrages: Set B

BCP Page 97-98 Please be seated

*Officiant:* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People:* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant:* Day by day we bless you;

*People:* **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*People:* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*People:* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant:* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*People:* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray. Almighty Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for Sundays

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*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for the Renewal of Life

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*Officiant:* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for Grace

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*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect For Mission

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*Officiant:* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **Holland Hall School, Tulsa; Casady School, Oklahoma; Oak Hall School, Ardmore; Diocese of Ohio; The Anglican Church of Tanzania.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Michael, Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Lubin Family, Blanchette Family, those affected by Hurricane Ida, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, especially...

*People:* **Terri Smith, Ron Ashbrenner. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...

*People:* **Evelyn, Bo, Michele, Andy, Lisa.**

*Reader:* Also those who are traveling, especially

*People:* **David Edwards and Gabby Green. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People:* **To you, O Lord.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

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*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## For a Birthday

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*Officiant:* Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory Hymn: #717

***My Country 'Tis Of Thee***

*Everyone please sing.*

## We Go Out To Do Our Work

## General Thanksgiving

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*Officiant & People:* **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## Sending

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## Closing Hymn: #719

***Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies***

*Please stand and sing.*





## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:

Officiant.....Pam Lipscomb  
1st Reader.....Tim Holder  
2nd Reader.....Kaia Holder  
Head Usher/Greeter..... David Edwards  
Altar Guild..... Marlene Odom  
1st Cross.....Thomas Bentley



### ON THE ALTAR 9/5:

**Flowers today** are given in loving memory of Alex & Ruth Burrell, Helen & Thomas E. Tobin, Sr., and Daniel Tobin by Barbara Tobin.

**Communion Wine for 2021** is given by Mike Alberty in loving memory of his parents.

**Bread today** is given in honor of Kaleb Di Noia by Jennifer Sparks.

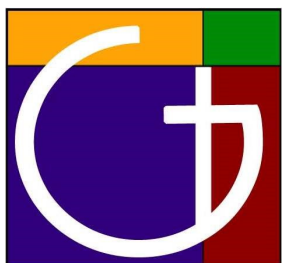


### SEPTEMBER VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH:

**Peggy Jones**







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