

No slave can serve two masters . . .  
You cannot serve God and wealth.

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist  
September 22, 2019, 10:30 am

Luke 16:13

We worship today according to the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, beginning on  
page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.  
The initials "SH" refer to page numbers in the small Supplemental Hymnal in the pew racks.

## The Word of God

Hymn: *Holy Father, Great Creator (we stand)*.....368

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

*Glory to God*.....S 280

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## The Lessons (*we sit*)

The First Lesson – Amos 8:4-7

**H**ear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 113

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
**praise the Name of the Lord.**

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
**let the Name of the Lord be praised.**

The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
**and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on  
high \*  
**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
**and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes, \*  
**with the princes of his people.**

He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
**to be a joyful mother of children.**

The Epistle Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers,  
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,  
for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may  
lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.  
This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our  
Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to  
the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was  
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I  
am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians (we stand)*...SH 24

The Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke.

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tiffany Chaney

The Nicene Creed (*we stand*)

**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.**

Prayers of the People (Form III, page 387 BCP)  
(*We stand or kneel.*)

Father, we pray for 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;

**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.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to Tim Harper and all the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for 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.

*Silence*

Here in our parish, we pray for **Mike** Oniffrey, **Micah** Hart, **Dennis** Harper, **Charlie** Hayes, **Larry** and **Pat** Sharpton, and the others we now name.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Confession of Sin** (*we stand or kneel*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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**

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

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

**The Offertory**

Hymn: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*.....676

Hymn of Presentation (*we stand*).....380:3

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him 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.

*(The priest says a Proper Preface)*

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:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy*.....S 125

*We stand or kneel*

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.**

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

**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. We keep a period of silence.*

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover*.....S 155

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.

*After Communion, we stand or kneel.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously  
accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior  
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us  
now into the world in peace, and grant us strength  
and courage to love and serve you with gladness and  
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Hymn: *Praise To the Lord (we stand)*.....390

**Alleluia, Alleluia.** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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#### **Serving at Epiphany this week:**

Ushers: John and Kathy Haynie  
Altar Guild: Lee Borden  
Lay Reader: Lavonne Hart  
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Lee Borden  
Refreshments: Lavonne Hart  
Grounds: Jimmy and Betty Weldon

#### **And next:**

Ushers: Eddie and Pam Harper  
Altar Guild: Lee Borden  
Lay Reader: Lee Borden  
Officiant: Betty Weldon  
Refreshments: Brian Hudson and Mark Harris  
Grounds: John Haynie and Mike Rallo