

Holy Eucharist

September 22, 2024

Proper 20B : The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude



All stand as they are able

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 379

God is love! Let heaven adore him

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Presider Blessed be † the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and

14 peace to God's peo - ple, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heavenly

19 King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

25 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

31 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. You take a - way all the sin of the

36 world. Have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

43 Fa - ther. Re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

48 Ho - ly One. You a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the Most High

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

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

All sit.

First Reading

Wisdom 1:16--2:1, 12-22

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹⁶The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering that one a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
^{2:1}For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
¹²“Let us lie in wait for the righteous one,
because that one is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
¹³He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
¹⁴He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
¹⁵the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
¹⁶We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
¹⁷Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
¹⁸for if the righteous one is God’s child, God will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
¹⁹Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
²⁰Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

²¹Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
 for their wickedness blinded them,
²²and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
 nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
 nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

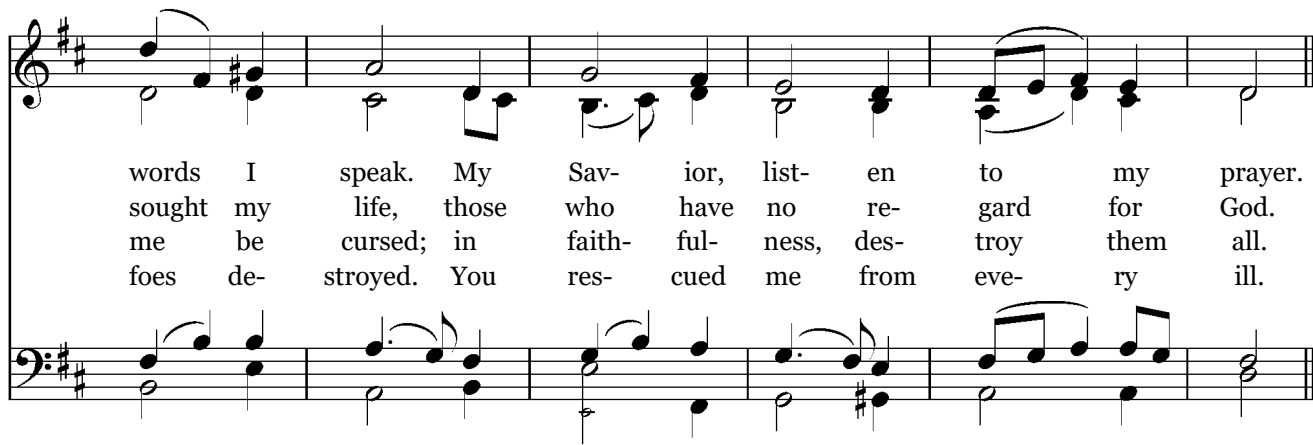
Remain seated.

Psalm 54

Tune : *Rockingham, Hymnal 321*

In your great might and by your Name, defend me,
 For ar- ro- gant and ruth- less foes have ris- en
 It is the Lord sus- tains my life. God is my
 I praise your Name, for it is good, and sa- cri-

save me from de- spair; give ear to all the
 up and press me hard; the ruth- less ones who
 help, on God I call; let those who spy on
 -fice with read- y will. For I have seen my



words I speak. My Savior, listen to my prayer.
 sought my life, those who have no regard for God.
 me be cursed; in faithfulness, destroy them all.
 foes destroyed. You rescued me from every ill.

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Holy Gospel

All stand as they are able.

Mark 9:30-37

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able.

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the 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,
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

All remain standing.

Presider: Sisters and brothers, children of God, we look to the Holy One to teach us how to be who we were created to be. May the light of the Lord shine on the path ahead. Catch us, Holy One, when we take a wrong turn, and by your Spirit, move us in the right direction. We are your children; teach us how to live, O God.

Intercessor: We yearn for peace but are constantly at war with ourselves, our neighbors, and the nations throughout the world. Give us the will to reject violence in its many forms, that our yearning may be fulfilled. We are your children; **teach us how to make peace, O God.**

Silence is kept.

We, your church, are easily distracted by things that don't matter. Turn our eyes to you; open our hearts to you; deepen our love of you. Bless our people and our leaders. May we teach each other how to walk in Jesus' way of love. We are your children; **teach us how to serve you, O God.**

Silence is kept.

Our bodies ache, our spirits are restless, and our minds grow weary with constant worry. Lead us to a place of wholeness, and make each of us agents of healing in this world. We pray for those who have asked our prayers today [_____]. We are your children; **teach us how to trust in your healing embrace.**

Silence is kept.

When a dear one dies, we ask that you receive them into your eternal kingdom as promised. We pray

today for [the repose of the soul/s of _____, and] all those recently departed. Assure those who grieve that you will not leave them desolate in their sorrow, but hold their loved one close to your heart. We are your children; **teach us the way home to you.**

Silence is kept.

Presider God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, who endured the path of betrayal and death, and triumphed in humble resurrection: Help us to extend your gentle embrace to all your children, and thus welcome you into our lives through service and gratefulness, in the power of your Spirit, and in the name of your risen and living Son. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

A minister then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is observed.

Minister and People together say

**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.**

A Priest stands and says

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.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the LORD be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The people remain standing.

The Bishop says

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 our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we sing with joy:



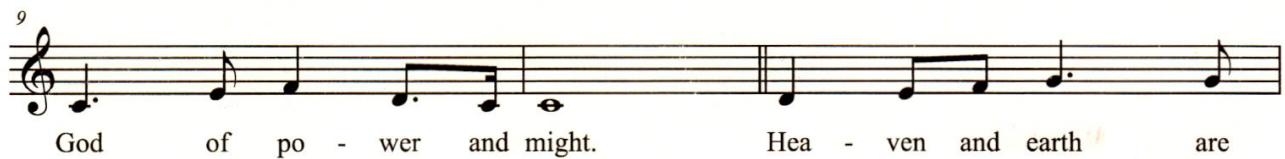
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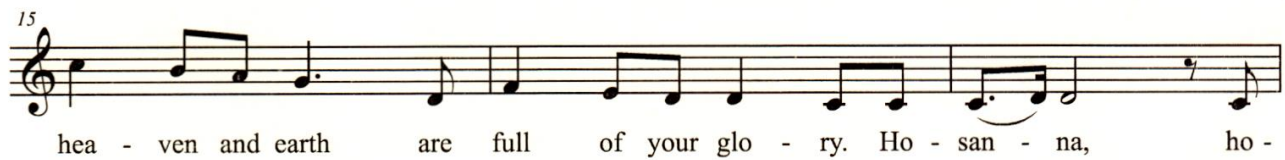
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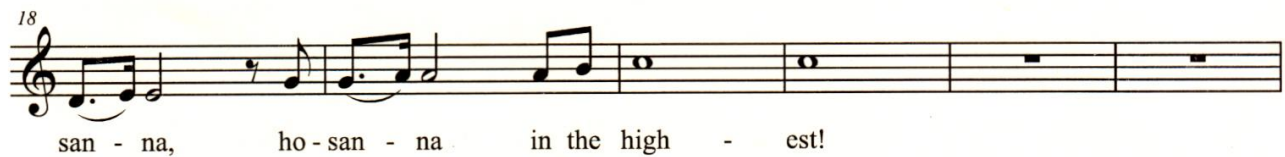
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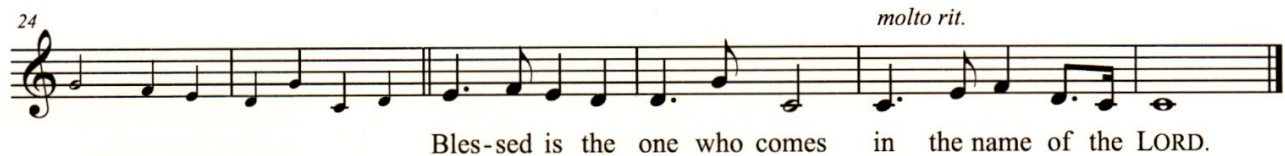
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molto rit.
Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

The Bishop continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;

you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human,
to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life, reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts that
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Bishop continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon + us and upon + these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Barnabas our Patron, and all your saints
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Bishop then says

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Bishop says

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all who desire have received, the Bishop says

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us**

with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people, saying

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And may God's blessing + be with you,
 Christ's peace be with you,
 the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Amen

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 449

O love, how deep, how broad, how high



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Minister And now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with a good heart, full of peace and joy, to love and serve our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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We gladly welcome the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, our Bishop, to our service today!

All undesignated offerings will be contributed to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Please be as generous as you are able.

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

September 22 The Church of North India (United)

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

September 22 St Luke's, Ypsilanti; St Peter's, Detroit; Holy Name, Carreton, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Kevin, Jessica, Hannah, Bodie

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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Upcoming Commemorations

Sept. 22 Philander Chase, Bishop, 1852

23 Thecla of Iconium, Proto-Martyr among Women, c.70

24 Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, Deaconess and Teacher, 1947

25 Sergius of Radonezh, Monastic, 1392

26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop, 1626; and, Wilson Carlile: Priest, 1942

27 Vincent de Paul: Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660; and, Thomas Traherne: Priest, 1674

28 Paula and Eustochium of Rome, Monastics and Scholars, 404 and 414

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OFFERING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS
TO FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action continues to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our ongoing help. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. **If you donate fresh produce**, it is best to bring it directly to FIA on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is TODAY, **Sept.22**.

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James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

This section from the Letter of James is situated in a wider discussion of the tongue and who can be trusted to teach (3:1). It would seem from this reading of James that the trustworthy teacher is the same one who is “wise and understanding”—who lives a “good life” and whose “works are done with gentleness born of wisdom” (v. 13). A red flag that someone who wants to teach might not be ready yet is that “envy and selfish ambition” keep showing up in them, even internally (vv. 14 and 16). This kind of internal disorder may result in “boastful” speech rather than sound teaching (v. 14).

If you, like me, desire to bless others with your words but find yourself noticing difficult things internally, don’t give up hope. The author of this epistle includes himself among those who “make many mistakes” (3:2), but his holy teaching has, by the grace of God, made it down to us through the millennia. His final advice in the passage assigned as our lesson for today also speaks to me. Wherever you are in your Christian life, wherever you find yourself, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you” (4:7-8). There is always hope for the person who is willing to yield to God’s Spirit. In fact, it’s what the Christian life is about!

- How does this picture of wisdom compare to the picture of a wise life given in the other readings for today?

Mark 9:30-37

In this run of interwoven passages in Mark’s gospel, Jesus’ disciples are thinking (as we all do, unaided by God’s grace) along pretty unfailingly earthly lines. This section takes us straight into the heart of the tension between natural and grace-assisted ways of thinking. Earthly habits of thought, as we see in verses 30-32, can’t begin to comprehend the mystery of the Resurrection. And the disciples don’t comprehend it on their own. We are told they are too “afraid to ask” (v. 32). Jesus’s mercy in this case pierces through their silence. Instead of rebuking them for their human preoccupation with rank and order (v. 34), he gives them an object-lesson (really a human-being-lesson) and an example when he takes a child into his arms. He takes the lowest-status person in the house—who is also probably the simplest and least complicated—and embraces him. And not only that: he says that to embrace the low status, simple child in his name is to embrace *God*. Whoever recognizes this and does it is on the way to true greatness.

- What does it mean to welcome someone “in Jesus’ name?” Does this verse/teaching mean the same thing as it would without the phrase “in my name?”
- How might you be called to welcome Jesus this week? Is there a “child” in your midst?

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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world,
guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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