



06 September 2015 (Proper 18b)

11 A.M. MASS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant – The Janet Fuller

Organist – Sally Ford

Prelude

I'll praise my maker

Hymnal 429

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

People respond

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Glory to God

BCP 355

Hymnal S 280

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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 READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Father all loving

Hymnal 568

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 7:24 - 37

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 Syrophenician 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."

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence. The Leader and People pray responsively*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Katherine our presiding bishop, Michael our presiding bishop-elect, and Holly our bishop and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions in the silences, either silently or aloud.

For the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially Bill, David, Ralph, Sandra, Rosemary, Craig, Christopher, Patsy, Stephanie, Nancy, Tim, and Dick. *Silence*

For those serving in the Armed Forces, especially Geoffrey, Michael, James, Megan, Katie, Anthony, and David. *Silence*

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings in the silences, either silently or aloud.

For those celebrating birthdays, and anniversaries, 12 – John & Janice Chaney.
Silence.

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution and bids the peace.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Choir Anthem
Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving
Holy, holy, holy Lord

as announced
Hymnal S 129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Alleluia, Christ our Passover

S 152

The Invitation

***Jesu, Jesu
Now the silence***

***Hymnal 602
Hymnal 333***

Postcommunion Prayer

as announced

Blessing and Dismissal.
People respond - Thanks be to God.

God the omnipotent

Hymnal 569

Postlude

***The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
By Mary Hicks Heitzler and Martha Jane Rush***

The Reverend Jan Fuller is the University Chaplain at Elon. Her early years were spent in the Middle East—Lebanon and Jordan—where she lived through four wars and became an artillery expert. In the second half of her life she has dedicated her work as a Christian minister to building bridges of peace and respectful understanding between religious traditions and peoples. Prior to Elon, she served in Chaplaincy at Hollins University and Yale University. She is an Episcopal priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS

Subdeacons: Kathy Coward

Readers: Mark dePaulo

Prayers: Betty Camp

Ushers: Langhorne Jones & Walter Coles

Coffee: To Be Announced

Altar: Kathy Coward

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Special Announcements

Walter and Alice Coles will host the annual picnic on the lawn at Coles Hill on October 18, 2015.

Eucharist Service will be held at Coles Hill at 11:00 am prior to the annual picnic.

Worship Schedule

September 13 - The Reverend Gene Anderson

September 20 - The Reverend Janet Fuller

September 27 - The Reverend Gene Anderson

October 4 - The Reverend Charles Hawes – Greensboro, NC

October 11 – The Reverend Mitzi Noble

October 18 - The Reverend Mitzi Noble - On the lawn at Coles Hill

October 25 - The Reverend Gene Anderson