

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17**

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LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**The Second Lesson**

**Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 14:25-33

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

**People Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Heather VanDerventer / The Rev. David Gortner

*(A brief period of 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 worshipped 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**

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Following each section, the Leader says:*

Lord in your mercy.

**People Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer for the search for a new Rector**

**Almighty and everliving God, look favorably upon us, the people of St. George's, in this time of transition as we search for a new rector. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be guided by your love and strengthened in our mission to serve you through ministry, fellowship and worship. We pray for the search committee, that their hearts and minds may be open to what your spirit is saying. We pray for the priest whose name is yet known to you alone, that he or she be open to your call. Give us your grace to follow where you would lead us, and grant us your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN**

**Confession**

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**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

**Absolution  
Sentence**

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**The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**Greetings and Announcements****Offertory Sentence****THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)** BCP p. 333  
*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**  
 It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should...

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
 Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand.*  
 All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father...

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP p. 336

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Celebrant & People: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Bread and Wine is distributed to the communicants*

**Post-communion Prayer**

**Celebrant & People:**  
**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** All creatures of our God and King Hymn # 400  
 (st. 1, 2, 7)

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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**Those Serving Today**

**8:00 AM Holy Eucharist**  
 Celebrant/Preacher  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 Lector  
 Acolyte  
 Ushers  
 Altar Guild

The Rev. Heather VanDerventer / The Rev. David Gortner  
 Scott Milburn, Norma Kacen  
 Nina Janopaul  
 John Churchman  
 Norma Kacen  
 Marge Miller

Coffee Hour Host Stan Curtis and Melissa Bishop

# Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church

September 5, 2010

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 18

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

The usher has large-print prayer books for those who need them. Items identified with "BCP" followed with a page number are in the red *Book of Common Prayer*.

**Entrance (Congregation stands)** BCP p. 323

**Salutation**

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

**Collect****Summary of the Law****The Gloria**

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day** BCP p. 181

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray

**The Word of God****The First Lesson**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.