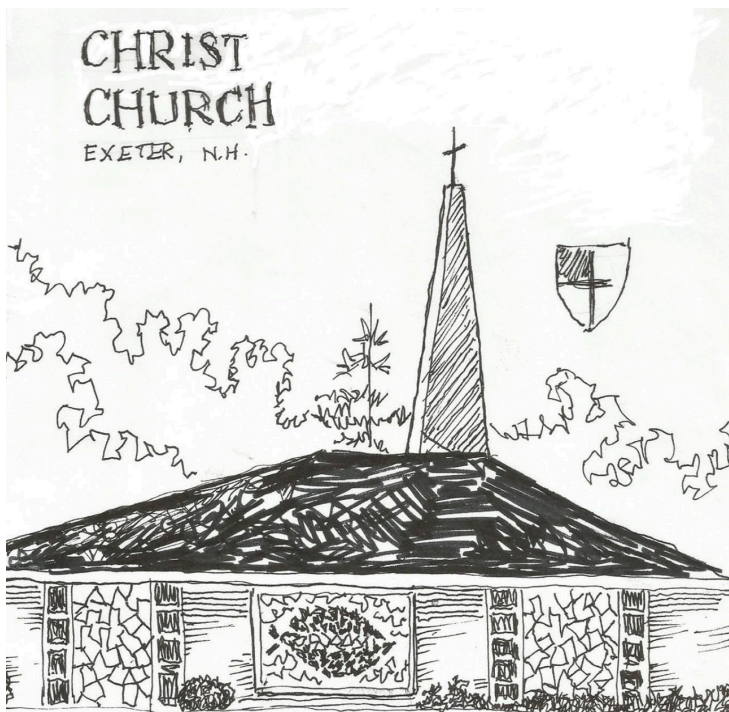


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The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 13, 2025
8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Reflections on Today's Readings

Our reading from the gospel of Luke today is the parable of the Good Samaritan. Thus, we are confronted in the liturgy with the radical call of God to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our participation in the Eucharist as the baptized people of God is far more than an action by which we receive God's grace for ourselves; it is our act of commitment to the ministry of self-giving love to others. The Prayers of the People in particular are expressive of this. By joining in prayer, we commit ourselves to active ministry to those for whom we pray.

After hearing many of the stories of Elijah and Elisha in the past weeks, we turn to a prophet who came soon after. Amos also was a prophet in the kingdom of Israel and challenged the king and the royal court to return to faithfulness to God. Today Amos has preached at the royal sanctuary against the king's apostasy from the God of Israel. The king's priest demands he leave and

addresses him with the insulting term "seer" which Amos rejects. He is simply a servant obeying his God.

Today we begin reading through the epistle to the Colossians. Scholars debate whether this letter was written by Paul or one of his later followers writing in his name. We are hearing the opening greeting to that church. It is the love that the people of that church share with each other which is the mark of their life in the Spirit: a sign of the obedience implanted in us by God.

The parable teaches us that every human being is our neighbor toward whom we have the ministry of love. We are given this ministry of active love toward others as the means of extending the saving and reconciling work of Christ to all humankind. Our celebration today, and at every gathering of the church, is meant to send us out into the world to make Christ known.

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The Holy Eucharist

[9:30 a.m. service]

Prelude

Duetto II, BWV 803 (from *Klavierübung III*)
Richard Benefield, *guest organist*

J.S. Bach

Welcome

✠ *All stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[9:30 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider and People: **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.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Amos 7:7-17

Reader A Reading from the Book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread

there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82 (read responsively by verse)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the

Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 564, vv. 1-2

He who would valiant be

Monk's Gate

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on

the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. David DeSalvo

✠ *A brief period of silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed *(said together)*

**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

Please Stand or Kneel

Intercessor: Commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves, let us offer prayers for all peoples in every place.

For this holy gathering and for those God loves in every place.
Christ, have mercy.

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.
Christ, have mercy.

For mercy, justice, and peace in the world.
Christ, have mercy.

For farmers and a good harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.
Christ, have mercy.

For those who travel roads of danger, for the sick, the poor, and the oppressed, and for all in peril and great need.
Christ, have mercy.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Marcia MacCallum, a one-time member of the parish, who died this past Monday in Virginia.

We remember Edgar E. Vigeant in whose memory the altar flowers are given by his children.
Christ, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families and companions, and all those we love.

Christ, have mercy.

Today we pray for Joe, Peter, Chris, Mary Ann, Sue, Chris Clark.

We invite your prayers either silently or aloud.

Silence

Presider

God of mercy and kindness, who gave us the great commandment of love, hear the prayers we offer this day and write your word in our mouth and in our heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Absolution

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

[9:30 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 493

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

✠ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship Prayer I

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

[Said at 8:00, sung at 9:30]

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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✠ The people kneel or stand, as they are able.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of the universe and giver of life.
 You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards
 and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
 and so we violated your creation,
 abused one another,
 and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us,
 and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery
sustained us in the wilderness
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,

that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

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

✠ *A period of silence is kept.*

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

Invitation to Communion

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.

Prayer for those Participating Online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle to the communion rail. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base

as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[9:30 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek Ye First

Post-Communion Prayer

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

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.

The Blessing

[9:30 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 567

Thine Arm, O Lord

St. Matthew

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[9:30 a.m. service]

Postlude

Duetto IV, BWV 805 (from *Klavierübung III*)

J.S. Bach

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher/Presider: The Rev. David DeSalvo

Organist: Richard Benefield

Lector at 8:00 a.m.: Becky Moore

Intercessor at 8:00 a.m.: Barbara Cutting

Lector at 9:30 a.m.: Susan Dixon

Intercessor at 9:30 a.m.: John Woodard

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Lee Woodworth

Eucharistic Ministers at 9:30 a.m.: Nancy Fleming

Welcome Team/Usher:

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Altar Guild: Shannon Tosatti, Cindy Eaton, JeanAndreson

Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin

Hospitality: Hospitality Team

Altar Flowers: Given in memory of Edgar E. Vigeant by his children.

We welcome the Rev. David DeSalvo this morning as our guest preacher and presider. David has served as a teacher and Episcopal chaplain in residential schools for 40 years. His wife Mary is also a career teacher. They live in Dover, NH.

The Rector is away this Sunday, having officiated at the baptism of his second grandson, Atlas Martin Schulz, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Mark will be in the office Tuesday.

The **Rev. Nicole** will be away on vacation from July 2 through July 18.

The Rector will be offering 3 services of Holy Communion at **RiverWoods** on Tuesday July 15 at 11:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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July 13-19

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Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.

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