

Do not merely  
listen to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says.

**James 1:22**



# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Seven

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

## Prelude

# Joys & Concerns

## Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C. Amen

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

C. **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

P. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen

## Gathering Hymn

*Gather Us In*

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## Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

# Grace and Peace to You

## Hymn of Praise



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

## Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading

### Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God**

**Psalmsody**

**Psalm 15**

chanted responsively



LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>l</sup> tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your <sup>l</sup> holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>l</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>l</sup> from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>l</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>l</sup> on a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>l</sup> fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>l</sup> back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- <sup>l</sup> gainst the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be <sup>l</sup> overthrown.

**Second Reading**

**James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

# Alleluia

## Gospel Acclamation

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia!*

*¡A - le - lu - ya,            a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,            al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya!            ¡A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia!            Al - le - lu - ia!*

P. The holy gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter seven.

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

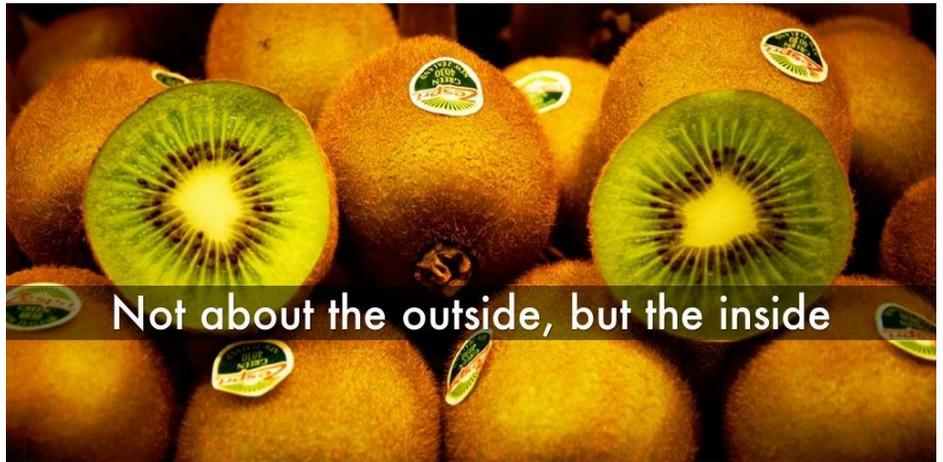
When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- C. Glory to you, O Lord.
- P. The gospel of the Lord.
- C. Praise to you O Christ.



Sermon

"Reflections in a Mirror "

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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## *Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

A. Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C. **hear our prayer.**

P. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. **Amen**

Peace

## The Peace

P. Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

## The Offering

### Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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### Offertory Prayer

A. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

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

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface:** It is truly right . . .

Let Us  
Give  
Thanks  
To  
God

# The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

# The Lord's Prayer

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,  
forever and ever. Amen



## Invitation to Communion

P. Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C. Amen

Lamb of God



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

*As the Grains of Wheat*  
*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*  
*This Is My Father's World*

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Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

C. Amen

**Lord, Now You Let Your Servant Go in Peace**



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace. Your WORD has been ful-



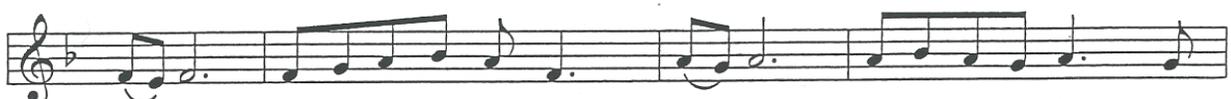
filled. My own eyes have seen the SAL-VA-TION which



You have pre-pared in the sight of ev'-ry peo-ple: a LIGHT, to re -



veal You to the na-tions, and the GLO-RY of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el!



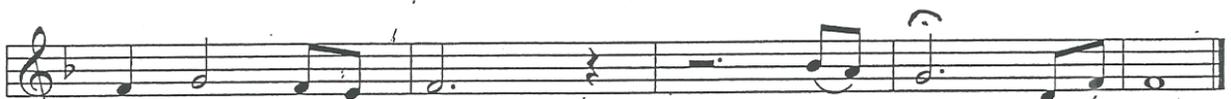
Glo ry! Glo-ry to the FA - THER! Glo- ry! Glo-ry to the SON! And



Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the HO - LY SPI - RIT!



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for -



ev - er, A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**A.** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.

**C. Amen**

**Blessing**

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen**

**Sending Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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**Dismissal**

**A.** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C. Thanks be to God.**



Assisting Minister ..... Julie Bogle  
Reader ..... Julie Bogle  
Altar Guild ..... Sylvia Lambert  
Greeters/Counters ..... Sarah Watkins / Dan Hayes  
Ushers.....  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



**Altar flowers this week are provided by the Flower Fund.**

**Candles for the month of August are provided by Julia Lochra in honor of her father Albert Lochra's 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 15<sup>th</sup>!**

