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**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 5, 2021

423 (said)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Canticle 20 Glory to God BCP Page 94**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.***

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

**Psalm 125 Page 781, BCP** (*read in unison*)

**Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17**

**The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Shirley Porter**

**The Nicene Creed Page 358, BCP**

**The Prayers of St. Christopher's**

**The Prayers of the People (Form VI) Page 392, BCP**

**Confession and Absolution Page 393, BCP**

**The Peace Page 360, BCP**

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer A (Page 361)

### Prayer for Those Who Cannot be Present

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 together today, we beseech you to join us spiritually in our hearts with the presence of your Body and Blood. 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.

*The Bishop has suspended the use of the common cup during the pandemic, so we will only distribute the bread. The Episcopal Church believes that receiving the bread alone is full reception of both the Body and Blood of Christ.*

325 (ss. 1, 3) (said)

*Let us break bread together*

### Prayer after Receiving (366)

#### Blessing

*LEVAS # 74 (said)*

*Jesu, Jesu*

### Sending Forth

**Welcome to St. Christopher's!** If you are visiting today, we are happy you are with us. Please fill out a visitor's information card and hand it to one of the clergy or an usher, or place it in the offering plate. *All Christians are welcome to receive Communion*

*in The Episcopal Church.*

**Vestry:** Bob Daffin (*Senior Warden*), Paul Davison, Nomsa Sibeko-Brown, Tom Wukasinovich (*Junior Warden*).

September 12 will be Rev. Shirley's last Sunday with us. Please join us that day in wishing her well in her future ministry.

This Week at St. Christopher's!

Sunday, September 5

10:00 Holy Eucharist, *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Thursday, September 9

10:30 Morning Prayer in the Parlor

Sunday, September 12

10:00 Holy Eucharist, *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Attic Treasures is an outreach ministry of St. Christopher's staffed entirely by volunteers. Attic Treasures is open Thursday 10am-4pm.*

The Rector's Office Hours

Sundays - Thursday In and out

The Parish Administrator's Office Hours

Tuesdays-Thursdays 3:30 pm-7:30 pm