



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 10

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 24

L: The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

**P: For it is God who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

L: "Who can ascend the hill of the Most High, and who can stand in God's holy place?"

**P: "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

L: They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

**P: Such is the generation of those who seek God, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

**P: "Who is this who reigns in glory?" "The Holy One, strong and mighty, the Holy One, mighty in battle."**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,  
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

**P: "Who is this who reigns in glory?" "This is God, the God of hosts, who reigns in glory."**

THE FIRST READING                      2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

THE SECOND READING      Mark 6:14–29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

HOMILY

"An Admirer or Disciple?"

Rev. Nirote

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Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen

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OFFERTORY HYMN 314

Community of Christ

*Leoni*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote, *celebrant and preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Karen Mozingo, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 22

Liturgist: Donna and Nate Vogt

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: The Vogt Family