The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2021

Be Thou My Vision
1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, Thy own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.
3. High King of heaven, when victory's won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

The Summary of the Law
Celebrant  Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

In Christ Alone
1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song, this Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace. When fears are stilled, when strivings cease, my comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day; up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory; sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine; brought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Till He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Better Is One Day
1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Oh Lord almighty. For my soul longs and even faints, for you. But here my heart is satisfied within your presence. I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

C. Better is one day in your courts. Better is one day in your house. Better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day in your house. Better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere.
2. One thing I ask and I would seek to see your beauty. To find you in the place your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek to see your beauty. To find you in the place your glory dwells.
B. My heart and flesh cry out to you the living God. Your spirit is water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me, I will draw near to you. I will draw near to you.

Collect of the Day
Celebrant  The Lord be with you
People    And also with you

Lessons
Isaiah 35:4-7
Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Reader  The Word of the Lord
People  Thanks be to God
Psalm 146
1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; while I live I will praise the Lord.
2 Indeed, as long as I have my being, I will sing praises unto my God
3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them.
4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth; and in that day all his thoughts perish.
5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help and whose hope is in the Lord his God,
6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; who keeps his promise for ever;
7 Who does right to those who suffer wrong; and who feeds the hungry.
8 The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind.
9 The Lord helps those who have fallen; the Lord loves the righteous.
10 The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow; but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
11 The Lord shall be King for evermore, even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

James 1:17-27
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger: 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in what he does.
26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion
Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Closing Song
This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

C. This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love: that You would take my place; that You would bear my cross. You would lay down your life, that I might be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

2. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son or daughter? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and
justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance. The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

B. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Dismissal
Priest  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!