

The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 7, 2022
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

As the candles are lighted, please enter
into prayerful silence until the liturgy begins.

*Hymns marked # and service music marked S are found in the **Hymnal 1982**.*

*Hymns marked (LEVAS II) are found in **Lift Every Voice and Sing**.*

** indicates selections for the 10:30 a.m. service only*

***VOLUNTARY**

"Lyric Interlude"

Alexander Schreiner

GREETING

***PROCESSION HYMN # 111 (LEVAS II)**

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

1 Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, O fix me on it.
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Surely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God.
He, to save my soul from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 O, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
*And blessed be God's kingdom,
now and forever. Amen*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

God be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having

received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 (read in unison)

Exultate, just

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.**

All who are able, stand as the Gospel Book is carried in procession.

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

All stand for the Nicene Creed and prayers.

THE NICENE CREED

***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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Kevin our Bishop; James, our Interim Rector; Martha, our Preacher, and Lloyd our Rector Emeritus. We also pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies and for The Episcopal Church in Delaware.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for: Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice-President; Tom, Chris, and Lisa, our Members of Congress; John, our Governor; Matt, our County Executive; and Mike, our Mayor.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Helen Thomas, Gertrude Jenkins and Kitty Willis.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our parish during this time of transition.

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family. Grant us genuine self-reflection, patient discernment, and daring faith. May we be imaginative about our future, open in our search and, in all things, knit together in one body through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Celebrant adds the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(All kneel as you are able)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are at the station at the center of the altar railing

*OFFERTORY

*HYMN # 304 vv. 1-2, 5

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who seek him, those who love him,
and those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith,
and you who have little, or are questioning faith.
Come, you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
And so we come, for Christ invites us all to be known, fed, and loved here.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A
Book of Common Prayer p. 361

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

 A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (contemporary)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.***

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

***For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

INVITATION TO RECEIVE

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion

***HYMN # 711**

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!***

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find,
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing for brief ministry announcements.

THE BLESSING

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

- 5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

***VOLUNTARY**

Our worship has ended, our service begins!

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend James M. Bimbi, Celebrant
The Reverend Martha Kirkpatrick, Preacher
David Christopher, Organist

SERVING THIS WEEK

-8:00 AM –

Greeter. Anthony Jones
Eucharistic Ministers. Diane-Louise Casson
 Anthony Jones
Lector. Cynthia Martin
Music. Cynthia Primo Martin

– 10:30 AM –

Greeter. Carey Corbin
Acolyte. Al Brock, Anthony Jones
Liturgical Assistant. Barbara Henry
Eucharistic Ministers. Diane-Louise Casson
 Pat Hampton
Lector. Laura Eisenman
Altar Guild. Diane-Louise Casson
Ushers. Audrey Collins, Karter
 Laura Ames
Live Stream. Will Landis

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