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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER

from *With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *Finlandia*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs 1,3,4

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain

☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain
Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All
na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,
Refrain
for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

VOCAL SOLO: *My Help Cometh from the Lord*

Sarah McCutcheon

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

THE PSALM

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

⁹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures.

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff begins with a square symbol. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are
 then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay!
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(silence for reflection and self examination.)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,

**known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and
serve you in newness of life,
To the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, Agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY: “Glory to You, God” vs. 3

(Advent to Transfiguration) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 (Lent to Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 (Season after Pentecost) Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God, our Creator,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As God's people called to love one another,

let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: "On Our Way Rejoicing" vs 1,2

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van - quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-destroy?
 On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for - ward move,

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Instrumental Ensemble