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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Now the Feast and Celebration

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,

Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

THE GREETING & KYRIE

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.

free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

Verse 3*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

THE SALUTATION*Presider:**Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AmenTEMPLE TALK: *Inspiritus*

Vicar Sara Galyon

CHOIR ANTHEM: *With a Voice of Singing***THE FIRST LESSON**

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹ **They make known
the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹² that the peoples
may know of your power
and the glorious splendor
of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom
is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures
throughout all ages.**

¹⁴ The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵ **The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those
who are bowed down.**

¹⁶ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food
in due season.

¹⁷ **You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs
of every living creature.**

¹⁸ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹ **The LORD is near to those
who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to

know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people

saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, All trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, Who bade the might - y o - cean deep Its
 mis - sive heard, Who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And
 dan - ger's hour From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: Oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: Oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: Oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,
everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release
what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole
lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all
creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen**

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We Come to the Hungry Feast

1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re-leased
 3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun-ger cease,

D GM⁷ A D G D/F# Bm A

To hun-gry hearts un-sat-is-fied the love of God is
 from hun-gry folk of ev-'ry kind, the poor in bod-y,
 and know-ing, though we eat our fill, - the hun-ger will stay

D Bm A G D Bm F#m

not de-nied.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun-gry feast.
 with us still.

G A D A/C# Bm F#m/A G D/F# E⁷ A D

HYMN: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE