

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

August 7, 2022

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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1 Earth and all stars!
 2 Hail, wind, and rain!
 3 Trum-pet and pipes!
 4 En - gines and steel!

Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
 Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the
 Loud dash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 Loud pound - ing harm - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song!
 Lord a new song!
 Lord a new song!
 Lord a new song!

Oh, vic - to - ry!
 Flow - ers and trees!
 Harp, lute, and lyre!
 Lime-stone and beams!

Loud shout - ing ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Loud rus - tling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Loud hum - ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Loud build - ing work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!
 Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band!
 Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!
 Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son!
 Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

THE GREETING

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.

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

G A - - - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
 B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BLESSING of LEARNERS, TEACHERS and BACKPACKS

Gracious God, thank you for calling us by name and promising that nothing can separate us from your love. Make this a year of learning and protect us from danger. Bless these students and their parents. Help us all to know you walk with us each day. Bless our journeys, our schools, our friends, and our families. **Bless us, Lord.**

All Wise Lord, we ask your blessings upon the teachers here and everywhere who serve you in countless ways. Give them wisdom and patience, discipline, and humor. By their words and deeds may they be witnesses to your grace and mercy. Make them teachers and examples of your righteousness for the children they teach. Keep them and all of us steadfast in your Word. **Bless the teachers, Lord.**

Generous God, bless the books and school supplies, the lunches and snacks that these backpacks will hold. Thank you for the tools and nourishment you give for learning. May the students carrying these backpacks remember that you have named and claimed them in Baptism. Just as these packs will hold what is needed for school days, we look to you to securely hold each of your children forever.

Bless the children and the backpacks, Lord.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,

and beholds all the people in the world.

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze

on all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them

and understands all their works.

¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;

for all its strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,

on those who wait upon his love,

¹⁹to pluck their lives from death,

and to feed them in time of famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;

he is our help and our shield.

²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,

for in his holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,

as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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.

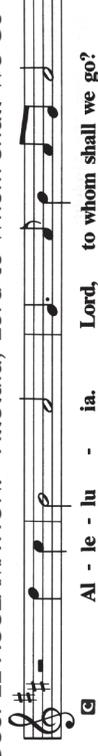
⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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.” ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Berry

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



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Chaplain William Strand

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

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1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood,
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love,
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain
 This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long;

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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 AND INSTALLATION of TEACHERS

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and

dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,
 O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
 you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer
 ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care
 and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him
 who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

WOV 776

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
 thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er in my heart,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People!"

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered Our
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; He
 3 Come, cel - e-brate: your ban - ners high un - furl - ing; Your
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Tell

hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL
 THE POSTLUDE