

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Communion: Rite One



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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. Walther

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION [**P** Priest/**C** Congregation]

[Please stand.]

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- A1** **Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy Spirit.**
- P** Let us pray... Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you whenever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Genesis 15:1–6 • Psalm 33:12–22 • Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 • Luke 12:32–40
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

The First Reading is taken from Genesis, chapter 15...

After these events, the Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will definitely be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: *[read responsively, Lector/ congregation]*

We will read responsively Psalm 33...

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews, chapter 11...*

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see. The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith. By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going. By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. So descendants were born from one man (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God—he has prepared a city for them.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:

[Please stand.]

℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣ "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps lit. Be like people waiting for their master to come home from a wedding celebration, who can immediately open the door for him when he arrives and knocks on the door. Happy are those servants whom the master finds waiting up when he arrives. I assure you that, when he arrives, he will dress himself to serve, seat them at the table as honored guests, and wait on them. Happy are those whom he finds alert, even if he comes at midnight or just before dawn. But know this, if the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he wouldn't have allowed his home to be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Human One is coming at a time when you don't expect him."

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

- ☒ **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- ☒ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- ☒ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In the power of the Spirit,
- ☒ **we pray to you.**
- ☒ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: All Souls, North Fort Myers; St. John's, Naples; and DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the power of the Spirit,
- ☒ **we pray to you.**

ℒ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. In the power of the Spirit,

☩ we pray to you.

ℒ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. In the power of the Spirit,

☩ we pray to you.

ℒ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Add handwritten names from notebook] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [Leave time...] In the power of the Spirit,

☩ we pray to you.

ℒ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given today by Diane Fairbanks and Terry Linton in honor of their wedding today and for all the blessings of this life. I invite you to name a blessing either silently or aloud. [Leave time...] In the power of the Spirit,

☩ we pray to you.

ℒ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Leave time...] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. In the power of the Spirit,

☩ we pray to you.

ℒ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☩ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [Silence is kept.]
Most merciful God,...

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

- Ⓐ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

PRAYERS, BLESSINGS, AND THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE PEACE

[Please stand.]

- Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓐ I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a gladsome heart.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]

- Ⓐ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:
- Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**
- Ⓐ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
- Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

Ⓟ All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Ⓞ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

Ⓟ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Ⓞ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Ⓞ **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Ⓟ The living Bread is broken for the life of the world.

Ⓞ **Lord, unite us in this foretaste of the feast to come.**

- Ⓟ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- Ⓟ Let us pray.
- Ⓞ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Please stand.]

- Ⓟ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**
- Ⓧ Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory

B. Marcella