

## Nineth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2020 Sunday Zoom Liturgy

**Hymn: The Steadfast Love Of The Lord Never Ceases**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

### **The Lessons**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah 55:1-5**

Thus says the Lord:

"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.

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.

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.

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

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."

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

### **Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22**

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \* and his compassion is over all his works.

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.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \* he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \* but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \* let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever  
and ever.

### **A Reading from Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ~ I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit~ I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 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. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the

covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to **Matthew 14:13-21**

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 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." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." 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. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon by Rev. Sarah Hurlbert**

#### **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:  
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

### **The Prayers of the People**

The bidding for our prayers is Lord in your mercy and the response Hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

Lord we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. In our Churchwide Cycles of Prayer we pray for the Province of Alexandria in the Middle East, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic and Christ Church Cranbrook, MI.

We give thanks for our church and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life, we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others,

- open wide our minds that we may receive new truth and understand your will
- open wide our doors, that as we have come into worship so we may go out with you to the service of the world
- open wide our lives that through discipline and prayer we may experience your power in daily living.

Lord you have chosen people to serve you in the ministry of your church and given them a perfect example in the person of your son: pour your blessings on your servants today, especially Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Bonnie, Rev. Sarah, Melissa and our Vestry, that by word and deed they may proclaim your saving love and so enable us all to grow in your image.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

Lord of the universe we praise you for your creation, you have provided us with everything we need for life and health. Grant that the resources of the earth may neither be hoarded by the selfish nor squandered by the foolish but that all may share your gifts.

We remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for the President, our Governor, our Mayor and all our first responders. Let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation for you lord can make a way when we are lost.

Lord we pray for peace in the world, create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but peace that makes whole what now is broken. We remember those who struggle against injustice, for men and women who seek to establish love's supremacy in violent and oppressive societies, and for those who have been robbed of homes, families and friends through this struggle. May they be filled with your strength and wisdom and grant that where human love has failed your divine compassion may heal.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer*

We remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray especially for..... We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

Lord we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one, be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world a light which no darkness can quench.

We remember before God those who have died and give thanks for their lives.

You turn our darkness into light;  
in your light shall we see light

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer*

**L**ord we ask you to lead us into the coming week, help us to know that you are close by us to love and guide us. When we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you are present with us. Amen.

### **Confession & Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Minister and People*

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries Rhys Grant, Eric Hughes, Melissa Congleton, Donna Thomas, Cheryl Gumper, Helen Greene, Bob Fowler, Lindy Perlos, Henry Themm, Carol Scheerbaum, Heather Youell, Heidi Lathrop. Loren and Christie Swanson.**

Thank you for your continuing contributions to our work through your pledges and offerings!

Zoom Bible Study Wed. at 10am. Details in your email or posted on facebook.

Please remember to call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it.

Diane Sinclair is gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her with your requests.

Thanks to all who are helping make this Zoom worship happen and thank you all for being here!

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

Take time to greet and visit with one another!

**Hymn: Oh Praise Ye The Lord**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us we now pray..

Our Father...

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Life is short...

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!