



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021 Holy Eucharist
Hybrid Service 9:00 AM
Followed by Coffee Hour
Farewell to Mother Judith

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. [Ephesians 3:16-17]

Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Ruggiero

Lector: Camille Williams

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Jeff Lukas, Beth Stochaj, Dave Clinkman, Mary Johnson

Ushers: Elizabeth and Steve Klisiewicz

Altar Guild: Ruth Warner

Digital Ministers: Cindi Scrimgeour & Katherine Cote

Prelude *Behold, I Tell You a Mystery*
The Trumpet Shall Sound *from Messiah*

George Frederic Handel
David Clinkman, soloist
Randolph Bloom, Organist

Opening Hymn *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal #304

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.*

*Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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**

The Gloria

Let us say together:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson: A Reading from the Second Book of Kings [4:42-44]

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." 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.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-19

We will read responsively on the half verse.

- 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.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians [3:14-21]

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 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, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

Mary Johnson, Cantor

*Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John [6:1-21]

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 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?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 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. 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. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 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." 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.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 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. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 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. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Let us say together:

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

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, saying

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, be glorified in your church. Give us faith to trust in you, that we might always believe the truth of your word.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, look in mercy upon your people. Inspire understanding in those who do not yet seek your ways, and guide us in the ways of your justice.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Lord Christ, you tamed the raging of the sea and the strength of the wind. We pray you to shield our crops from drought and heat; bless our fields with waters from the heavens.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O Lord, we hold in our hearts all victims of violence—especially those whose lives are devastated by gun violence. May they, and those who love them, trust the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of your comforting love.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Jesus, you said to your disciples, "It is I; be not afraid." Comfort all who are in trouble, need, or sickness, especially those we now name, silently or aloud . . .

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

O God, you have gathered as your family those on heaven and earth. We pray for those who have died that they may rest in your eternal presence, and we pray that we ourselves may live this life on earth with joy and courage before joining your saints forever.

Lord Christ, you are the bread of life; **fill us with your goodness.**

Let us say together:

**O God, make our hearts large, so that they may be big enough
to share the greatness of your love,
to hold all those who want to believe in you,
to hold all those we sometimes forget,
to hold all those who are no longer with us—
so that we bring love and peace to everyone we meet. Amen**

Please kneel

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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 Peace

Please stand.

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

Hymn *I am the Bread of Life*

Hymnal #335

Beth Stochaj, soloist

Please join Beth in singing the refrain:

***And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.***

Please be seated while the altar is prepared, and then please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We have lifted them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Savior, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our praise and thanksgiving to you, O Creator of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to Christ in his self-offering, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say the prayer Our Lord taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup

Communion Hymn

Jeff Lukas

Please stand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us say together:

Holy and Loving God, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living things; fill our lives with the light of your Holy Spirit until they overflow with gladness and gratitude; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Ending of the Pastoral Relationship

Following the Prayer of Thanksgiving, the Wardens come forward and stand beside the Interim Priest. Beth Moeller says

Mother Judith, you have been with us as priest through the period of our search for a new Rector. You have been a faithful steward to us in bringing God's word and sacraments, in tending to our spiritual needs through prayer and teaching, and in your pastoral leadership of this parish.

Lisa Ruggiero continues:

We give thanks to God for your presence among us and pray for God's abundant blessings upon you as you go forth from here in your continued ministry to Christ and the Church.

Beth Moeller asks the congregation:

My sisters and brothers, do you recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

The congregation responds **We do.**

Mother Judith says

Let us pray. O God, you have bound us together for a time as clergy and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place. We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry that we have shared. We thank you for your never-failing presence with us through this year, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other that you have allowed. We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for guiding us on the path to which you have called us.

People: Gracious God, be with Mother Judith as she leaves; grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

As you have been loved – love.

As you have been welcomed – welcome.

As you have been fed – feed.

As you have received – give.

And may the boundless love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit be always with you. **Amen**

Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymnal #637

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

Dismissal: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia.

Postlude

Finale from Symphony 1

Louis Vierne [1870-193]