



THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST
JULY 25, 2021 + 8:00 A.M.

Please sit only in pews where a cushion is present.



THE WORD OF GOD

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

Book of Common Prayer, 323

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA

Said by all.

BCP, 324

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *Please remain standing, or kneel.*

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

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get

her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14 *Said by all.*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand or kneel.

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Today we especially pray for: Kathleen Dunn, Mike Greene, Brenda Forbis, Jason Growth, Mary Jones, Andrea Misenheimer, Mark Perry, Virginia Phillips, Nancy Stanback, Tammy Taylor

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Please kneel. Silence is kept before the prayer begins.

All: **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.**

THE PEACE

Please stand. Please maintain distance from other households at the Peace.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand.*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we
given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *People:* It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS *Said by all.*

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.

The Celebrant continues... All glory be to thee, Almighty God... By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Said by all.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God....

Please come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. Place one palm on top of the other and the priest will place a wafer on your palm which you can consume and then return to your pew.

Maintain distance from other households at all times.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NOW OPEN FOR WEEKDAY PRAYER: Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm

DAILY OFFICE RESUMES: Morning & Evening Prayer liturgies have resumed Monday-Friday at 8am and 5:30pm. Based on the daily worship of monasteries, these traditional Prayer Book liturgies last about 20 minutes and include Scripture readings and prayers. Worship is led by members of St. Luke's and is held in our Chapel (entrance on Church Street). There is no music or Communion. On Wednesdays, in place of Evening Prayer, there is a Healing Eucharist - a 30-minute Communion liturgy led by a priest which includes a short sermon and optional prayers for healing and anointing with holy oil.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY/PARISH PICNIC: Save the Date of **August 15th** for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" for our children and teens and prayers for teachers and families during the 10:30 liturgy. A catered Parish Picnic will follow on the front lawn. Many thanks to Lynn Mills for coordinating the catering and to Cathy Green for assisting with serving.

BELOVED COMMUNITY WORSHIP SPACE PROJECT: Please refer to your weekly e-newsletter for details on an exciting religious iconography project that our church will be beginning soon. Icons are religious art intended to draw us deeper into prayer. Our new icons will help us to do so by reflecting the grandeur of God through the diversity of saints. You can also go directly to www.SLS.church/iconproject to learn more.

EVENSONG will be held this evening at 5:30pm. Evensong is the traditional liturgy of Evening Prayer from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer with sung service music and anthems. There is no sermon or Communion at this liturgy which lasts about 45 minutes. The organ prelude begins around 5:15pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

TODAY, WE ESPECIALLY PRAY FOR:

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Kathleen Dunn, Mike Greene, Brenda Forbis, Jason Growth, Mary Jones, Andrea Misenheimer, Frank Montgomery, Mark Perry, Virginia Phillips, Nancy Stanback, Tammy Taylor

Those who are away at school: Nellie Brown, Aidan DeHaas, Heather Duncan, Caroline Forbis, Zach Huddleston, Mary Kaufmann, Walker Latimer, Abigail Lund, Cassandra Phoenix, Hans Roemer, Ellen Simons

Those with ongoing needs due to health, circumstance, or civic service: Dick Brownell, Patrick Carter, David Cline, Donna Gravely, Ellery, Emily Hain, David Hamaty, Betty Hedrick, Blair Joyner, David Kemp, Jason Koontz, Don Lyerly, Jane Maxwell, Nan Medley, Joanne Nichols, Jim Phillips, Nik Plumley, Ian Schulte, Oliver Scott, Dirk Steenwyk, Ruth Trollinger, Barbara Upright

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Candles in memory or honor of: Mary Linn Norvell, Edwin Overman Norvell, Lucile Proctor Norvell, Jane Overman Norvell

Altar Flowers in memory or honor of: Charles Collier, Jr., Charles Collier, Sr., Elizabeth Manning Collier, Thomas McNeal Doyle, Carol Collier Clement

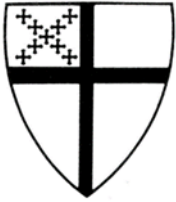
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Serving This Sunday:

Lector: Lee Piper

Serving Next Sunday:

Lector: Ann Dunn



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PARISH PRAYER

O God, in your abundant grace you sent your Son to be the light of the world: Grant that we may come and see the difference that Christ makes in each of us as we seek to become your beloved community; and as we gather in intentional worship, may we ever be reminded of your transformative love which is the foundation of our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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