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**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022 - 9:30 AM AT WEST CAMPUS**

THE REV'D BERTIE PEARSON, RECTOR
THE REV'D MARY ANN HUSTON, ASSOCIATE RECTOR
THE VERY REV'D KEVIN E. MARTIN, ASSOCIATE
THE REV'D ANNE MATTHEWS, ASSOCIATE
THE REV'D BOB BLISS, ASSOCIATE
THE REV'D SUE ROSS, DEACON
MS. TAYLOR WEAVER, WEST MUSICIAN

PRELUDE *Come, Christians* Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* Hymnal 636

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say, than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5 “The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Hymnal S-280

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

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." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But 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." He 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." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM 33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *

and beholds all the people in the world.

- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

By 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. By 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. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By 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. Therefore 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."

All 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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Come, Holy Spirit

Hymnal 510

- 1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
 with all thy quickening powers;
 kindle a flame of sacred love
 in these cold hearts of ours

- 2 See how we trifle here below,
fond of these earthly toys:
our souls, how heavily they go,
to reach eternal joys.
- 3 In vain we tune our formal songs,
in vain we strive to rise:
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.
- 4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Proclamation

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be 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. Blessed 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
"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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Andrew Benko

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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 (Form IV)

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy. Response: Hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Choir

DOXOLOGY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... ..to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE *SANCTUS*

Hymnal S-130

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

We give thanks to you, O God... ..according to his command, O Father, BCP 368

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: *Christ Our Passover*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Gluten-free hosts available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let the Hungry Come

Renew! 220

- 1 “Let the hungry come to me, let the poor be fed.
Let the thirsty come and drink, share my wine and bread.
Though you have no money, come to me and eat.
Drink the cup I offer, feed on finest wheat.
- 2 “I myself am living bread; feed on me and live.
In this cup my blood for you; drink the wine I give.
All who eat my body, all who drink my blood,
Shall have joy forever, share the life of God.
- 3 “Here among you shall I dwell; all things new shall be.
You shall be my very own, I your God with you.
Bless’d are you invited to my wedding feast.”
You shall live forever, all your joys increased.

COMMUNION HYMN

Broken for me

Renew! 218

- Refrain* Broken for me, broken for you:
 the body of Jesus, broken for you.
- 1 He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken that we might be whole. *Refrain*
 - 2 Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine. *Refrain*
 - 3 This is my body given for you;
Eat it, rememb’ring I died for you. *Refrain*
 - 4 This is my blood I shed for you;
For your forgiveness, making you new. *Refrain*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

Hymnal 68

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Choir

*Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Judy & Howard McKinney
in celebration of their 56th Anniversary.*

