



## THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024, AT 8 AM

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.  
Our liturgy is drawn from a variety of resources. Please see endnotes for references.  
The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### 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 Savior. **Amen.**

#### Song of Praise *said by all*

Kyrie eleison.  
**Christe eleison.**  
Kyrie eleison.

#### Collect of the Day

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask: Have  
compassion on our weakness, and mercifully grant us the goodness that stems from your wisdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### First Reading *seated* Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore  
thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is  
you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them.  
So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant  
of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold,  
and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd  
them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.  
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he  
will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *read responsively by whole verse*

O God, you are my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

**The Gospel** *standing as you are able* Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Ledlie Laughlin

*Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher. A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.*

## The Nicene Creed *standing as you are able*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*Intercessor* We pray to you, O God, as we say "Loving God, hear our prayer."

God of all creation, you made us and you knit us together in your church. Help us to work together as members of the body of Christ, that our lives may bear holy fruit.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, guide our cities, nation, and world in the pursuit of love and care, that we may experience true peace, union, and justice.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of connection, empower us to build beloved community and seek your kingdom in our midst, that we may come to know you in each of our neighbors.

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of care, give your presence to those who suffer and are in any need or trouble. We pray especially for . . . and for those concerns we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of generosity, every good thing comes from you. Make us ever mindful of the many joys that come through you. We pray in thanks for . . . and those thanksgivings we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, you grant us hope of the resurrection and of eternal life with you. Welcome into your house those who have died, especially . . . and the departed we name aloud or in our hearts . . .

Loving God, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice, and you have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name. Fulfill now, we pray, the prayers of your people, in the service of your kingdom, through the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution** *standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Presider* 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.**

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.**

**Peace** *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**At the Offertory**

*The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions.*

*Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them unto God.**

Let us give thanks to our Sovereign 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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

**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.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 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 shed 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence observed.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

### **Communion**

*Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.*

### **Prayer after Communion** *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

**Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers** *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *N.* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

**Blessing**

*The People respond* **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Liturgical Note**

The season after Pentecost is called “Ordinary Time,” and it stretches from Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) through Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before Advent). Ordinary Time can sound boring or unexciting, but it can also be a reminder that God works in the ordinary days of our lives. Godly Play, a children’s church curriculum, calls Ordinary Time “the Great-Green-Growing Season.” In this season we use green vestments and experience God in simplicity and in the ordinary.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

We meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who were custodians of the land for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We give thanks for their stewardship and lament the ways the Nacotchtank were removed from their ancestral home. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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