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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 13A)

August 2, A.D. 2020

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Organ Voluntary

A mighty fortress is our God (Hymn 687)

Johann Pachelbel

Entrance Hymn 688

A mighty fortress is our God

Ein feste Burg

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is for ever.**

--Martin Luther, translated by Frederick Henry Hedge; based on Psalm 46

Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

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

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

Celebrant 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

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**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

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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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

NRSV

The night before he was to meet Esau, Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 17:1-7, 16 *Exaudi, Domine*

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- 1 **Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 **Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**
- 4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 **My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**
- 6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 **Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**
- 16 **But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

New Testament Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

NRSV

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

NRSV

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Brad Smith

The Nicene Creed

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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 III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy Name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the Name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia, alleluia! so knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully. *—Percy Dearmer, +1936*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 Lord. 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,
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.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 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 many 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 Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

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

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there, and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *—A prayer of St. Alphonsus de Ligouri*

Communion Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

**My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.**

**O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.**

**Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.**

**Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.**

--Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge; st. 4, Isaac Watts, altered

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 celebrant may bless the people.

Hymn 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!**

**Cry out, dominions, principdoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!**

**Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

--John Athelstan Laurie Riley

The Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Ein feste Burg

J. G. Walther

<p>Looking ahead to the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9 (Proper 14A) I Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33</p>

Prayer List

Please note that names on the printed prayer list will appear in the bulletin for four weeks but will continue to remain on the Intercessory Prayer Group's ongoing list until they are notified to remove the name.

Pray for members: Pat Adams, Joyce Newton, Jeanne Reynolds, Bob Cooley, Lila Koss, Peter Hatten, Nancy MacMillan, Christ & Marge Koconis, Nancy Mahaffey, Woody Winslow, Sid Leeds, Julian Albergetti, Bobbie Cox, David Beard, Tom Albergetti, Judy DiGregorio, Vann Taylor, Gladys Neff, Fred Brunck, Charlie Dickinson, Carolyn Morris, Bob Nye, Miriam Searcy, Elijah Hochstrasser, Barbara Peterson, Meredith Pruitt, Jane & Charlie Burdick, Donna Weinstein, Sarah Morgan, Michael Hoben, Spencer Wooten, Louise Cooke, David Griffith, **Susan Hughes, Thomas Walker, Nancy Milling**

Pray for friends and relatives: Margaret & Louis George (parents of Sharon George), Tom Williams (father of Matt Williams), Catherine Martin (daughter of Bill & Mary Jo Dudley), Celia Vitale Kucera (daughter of Alex & Hope Vitale), Trevor Thomas (son of Mark & Judith Thomas), Alan Young (friend of Bill Nuttall), the family of David Griffith, Wendy Bliss (daughter of Jean Bliss), Steve & Mimi Spear (parents of Rebekah Rode), Jim & Sandy Peebles (uncle & aunt of Rebekah Rode), **Robin Allen** (daughter of Carolyn Morris), **Joel Jensen** (uncle of Jeneen Floyd), **Russell & Susan Seward & family** (relatives of Rebekah Rode), **Audrey Whitener** (mother of Sherrie Bailey), **David & Susan Osmolski** (friends of John & Pat Rodgers), **Paige Russell** (friend of the McCrystles), **Susanne Dalton** (mother-in-law of Christine Dalton)

Pray for those in military service: Frederick Huiet, Ryan Livingston, Dan Sullivan, Greg Jones, Jim Myrick, Bernard David, Damien Mitchell, Kevin Dellicker, Michael Berger, Mark Lenhart, Geoff Sey, Thomas Everett, Evan John, Brandon Wilson, Lt. Col. Tim Sellers, Aaron Bomar, Michael Taylor McCormick, James Simpson, David Bell, Steven Placke, Thomas Jones, Jr., Curtis Mabry, Thomas Cooper, Tyler Thomas, Pat Carter, Joe Rader, Kyle Norton, Adam Stein, Tommy Heagney, Sarah Maness, Luciano Provazano, Angelo DeMatteo, Ryan Harwell, John Pineda, Jonathan Conlan, Aidan McKenna, Tom Clapp

Pray for those who have died: **Jennie Kolb** (friend of Leon & Kelly Hoffer), **Tommy Harrison** (uncle of Gary Williams), **Linda Mauth** (friend of the Loebers), **Bob Burris** (friend of Susan Mason), **Kerrie Johnson** (**not St. John's Kerry Johnson!**) (friend of the McCrystles), Johnnie E. Jenkins (friend of Merrill & Judy Gowdy), Dan Mauney (friend of Rick and Kerry Johnson), Sally Sasz (friend of Toni Robinson), Mark Shames (friend of Tom McCrystle)

Pray in thanksgiving for birthdays and anniversaries –August 2-8

Birthdays: Morgan Allison, Nathan Bondi, Scott Bondi, Michaela Brewer, Bob Butler, Sandy Carlson, Jeff Cummins, Chris Duffy, Vernon Flynn, Tripp Graves, Kerry Groudle, Bob Hubbard, Sam Hunt, Matthew

Jordan, Rawles Kelly, Sutton Lundgren, Martha Newsom, Joyce Newton, James Peterson, Lauren Phillips, Patty Powell, Will Reap, Sam Sappenfield, Sandra Untener, Booker Wessel, Jack Williams, John Williams, Lucy Williams, Sam Wofford

Anniversaries: Charlie & Jane Burdick, Craig & Maggie Murden

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