CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

PRELUDE: Courante from Suite 3, BWV 1009

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jeff Phelps, cello

(10:15 a.m.) **HYMN 401:** The God of Abraham praise

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

A LMIGHTY 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 (8am said, 10:15am Hymnal S280 - Powell)

Card 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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.** *Please be seated.*

THE FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-5

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22 (read responsively by half verse)

H APPY 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 NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Tow 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 68: Rejoice! rejoice, believers

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THE GOSPEL Remain standing. Luke 12:32-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

ESUS 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."

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

THE SERMON

Kathy Hanna, Director of Family, Youth and Children's Ministry

THE NICENE CREED (said by all, standing)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. All kneel. 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 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(8 am) THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn 380, v. 3

(10:15 am) OFFERTORY SOLO:

Samuel S. Wesley

Who can express the noble acts, from: O give thanks unto the Lord April Grosskopf, Soprano

W HO can express, the noble acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise? or show forth all His praise, all his praise?

For thou, oh Lord, thou, O Lord, art good, and gracious unto all them that call on Thee, on all that call on Thee, of great mercy unto all them, all them that call upon thee.

All Nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, oh Lord, and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art good and doest wondrous things: for only thou art holy, thou only art the Lord.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things, wondrous things.

Who can express, who can express the noble, noble acts of the lord, or show forth all his praise?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

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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 God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS - (8am spoken, 10:15am Hymnal S129)

Powell

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

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

...Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

(spoken)

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

8am Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

10:15am Hymnal S163

Powell

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

(10:15 a.m.) COMMUNION SOLO

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sarabande, from Suite No. 1 BWV 1007 *Jeff Phelps, cello*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Strengthen for Service, Lord

Malabar

For text, please see Hymn 312

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING & THE DISMISSAL

People: Thanks be to God

HYMN 636: How firm a foundation

Foundation

POSTLUDE: Courante from Suite 3, BWV 1009

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jeff Phelps, cello

The flowers on the altar are given by Robin Reeves in loving memory of Katherine Rueger Poynter, and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Emily & Kyle Chowhan.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, The Church in the Province of West Indies.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Simon's by the Sea, Virginia Beach.

We pray for those who are facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially:

Lorenz Connelly, Marilyn Gindroz, Bernie Ham, Lillian Kenison, Jim Kletke, Mary Helen McCoy, Jim Moore, Gary Newsome, George Pearce, Rachel Pearce, Mark Pfaehler, Brandon Quintin, Sydney Ramunddal, Alex Rutecki, Pat Riddle, Janice Strange, and Ellie Weeks. We pray also for the people of Ukraine.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers:

Carolyn Baker, Charlie Bell, Carter Bernert, Catherine Blackwood, Suzanne Bolt, Tom Bolt, Dana Coltrin, Mike Hester, Patsy Johnson, Frank Kirchner, Bahman Massoud, Steve McCoy, Mary Ann Rogers, Pat Rueppel, Barb Schafer, Mary Smith, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers:

Mason Beers, Sally Corliss, Richard Denniston, Ethelene, Ginny Foot, Bea Greenlaw, Cyndie Hitch, John Hull, John Keating, Max Masters, Jason Primm, Dennis Provost, Pearl Ramunddal, Gwendolyn Sinclair, Mavis Stapleford, Misty Taylor.

This week's Birthdays: August 8-14

Charles Bell, Tom Bolt, Ader Deng, Wills Miller, Mack Nolen, Sigur Whitaker, and Connie Williams.

This week's Anniversaries: August 8-14

Richard Broad & Jennifer Carson, Brian & Vickie Easley, Cathy & Win Lewis, Dave Mayfield & Virginia Thumm.

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