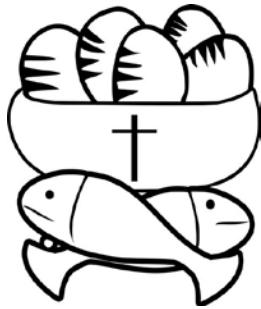


Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13 • Year A

Sunday, August 2, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth
Arr.: John Carter

Bailey Myers, piano

PROCESSIONAL

LEVAS 60

How Great Thou Art

Words: Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Music: Swedish Folk Melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.

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Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together,
People in the presence of the most high;
Celebrant To face our ideals,
People to remember our loved ones in absence,
Celebrant To give thanks, to make confession, to offer forgiveness,
People to be enlightened, and to be strengthened
Celebrant Through this quiet hour, breathes the worship of ages,
People the heritage of generations past,
Celebrant Three unseen guests attend,
People Faith, hope, and love;
Celebrant Let our hearts prepare them place.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION (*instrumental*)

Jesus Is All the World to Me

Will L. Thompson, Arr.: Kim Williams

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.

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TRISAGION

To be said three times.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jennifer Woods, Lector

Isaiah 55:1-5

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

“Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

Jennifer Woods, Lector

- 8 **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, ***
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 **The Lord is loving to everyone ***
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 **The Lord upholds all those who fall; ***
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ***
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 **You open wide your hand ***
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 **The Lord is righteous in all his ways ***
and loving in all his works.
- 19 **The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ***
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; ***
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Jennifer Woods, *Lector*

Romans 9:1-5

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL.

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, *Rector*

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

BELL TOLL IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

(February 21, 1940 – July 17, 2020)

American Politician, Civil Rights Leader, United States Congressman

A MODERN AFFIRMATION (*standing*)

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We believe in God, creator of heaven and earth, who is near to us and strong to help us.

Who is near to us and strong to help us.
We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God:
He is for us the way of truth and life

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us,
giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits

giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits.
We believe our faith is a confident trust in the truth and goodness of God.

We believe our hope is a power.

**e believe our hope is a power,
to fill the present, and the future with deepest meaning**

We believe our love is the means by which this faith will be made real in our lives.
Glory be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Joan our Rector, Terri our Deacon, Catherine and Enid, our guest Deacons, Sara, our Deacon candidate, Creamilda, our seminarian, Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries, Vickie, our Administrative Assistant, and Ana, our nursery supervisor, and for all bishops and other ministers. In our diocese we pray for Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring. In the Anglican Communion pray for the new Province of Alexandria (Egypt).

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **the victims of this week's Carroll St apartment fire** ... *Faye ... Virginia ... Rachel ... Tina ... *Joan ... *Elizabeth ... Seth ... Michael¹ ... *Yvonne ... *Bob ... Lillian ... David ... Joré Yvonne ... *Mary Jo* ... *Peggy ... Geoff ... *Peter ... Pat ... Jere ... *Maggie ... *Orion ... *Bert ... Edward ... Renata ... Pauline ... Linda ... *Karen ... David ... Joe ... Richard ... *Sharon ... Brian ... *Lisa ... *Michael²* ... Concetta ... Janet ... Severn ... *George ... *Miata ... *Joyce ... *Helen ... Enid ... *Jeanette ... Greg ... and *Jennifer.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we pray for the following members of our parish: Keisha, Maureen, and Clarence Findley; Mary Beth Flournoy and Deborah Riley; Kathryn Foor and Judith Blackistone; Nathan, Denise, Jessica and Victoria Franklin; Helen Frazer; and Brenda Freeman. And for those celebrating birthdays: Mamie Bittner, Melissa Hinton, and Josiah Simpich. And for those celebrating wedding anniversaries, Peggy Grosswiler and Ray Cummings (39th).

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Leslie Adams and Austine Read, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

I invite you now to offer your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence.

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

CONFESSiON

God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be open hearted, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

LEVAS 194

Lead Me, Guide Me

Words: Doris Akers (1923-1995)

Music: Doris Akers; arr. Richard Smallwood

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, 3/4 time. The first two staves begin with a dotted half note, followed by a eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics for the first two staves are: "Lead me, guide me, a - long the way," and "For if you lead me, I can - not stray." The third staff begins with a dotted half note, followed by a eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics for the third staff are: "Lord, let me walk each day with Thee." The score concludes with a final staff labeled "Fine" and the lyrics "Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me." Below the score, three numbered stanzas are provided:

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

OFFERTORY WORDS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

OVER WINE

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you have refreshed us when we gather in community with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

OVER BREAD

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER B

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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.

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 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:



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.

The people kneel or stand.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”



Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now in hope and confidence, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**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!

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
People **The bread which we break, alleluia, is the Communion of the Body of Christ.**

MUSIC DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME (instrumental)

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Words: Att. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274)
Music: *Pange lingua*, plainsong, Mode 3, *Zisterzienser Hymnar*, 14th cent.

PRAYER FOR CONTINUED SERVICE

Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams (1717-1796); alt.)
Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff is for the treble clef (soprano) and the bottom staff is for the bass clef (bass). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into three sections, each with three stanzas of lyrics. The first section starts with a forte dynamic, the second with a piano dynamic, and the third with a forte dynamic.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

POSTLUDE

Sing Forth to the Lord!
 Bailey Myers, organ

David Paxton

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 by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!***

Serving SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020
The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein
Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy
Guest Deacons: The Rev. Catherine Cox, and The Rev. Enid Cole
Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda
Intern for the Diaconate: Sara Thorne
Lector: Jennifer Woods
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Creamilda Yoda
Altar Guild: Maggie Thompson, RoseMarie Broadbell,
Marty Milam, and Evangeline Wotorson, and Deborah Percell



PRAYER REQUESTS

For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Keisha, Maureen, and Clarence Findley

Mary Flournoy and Deborah Riley

Kathryn Foor and Judith Blackiston

Nathan, Denise, Jessica and Victoria Franklin

Helen Frazer

Brenda Freeman

For those celebrating birthdays:

August 4: Mamie Bittner

August 6: Melissa Hinton

August 8: Josiah Simpich

For those celebrating an anniversary:

August 8: Peggy Grosswiler and Ray Cummings (39th)

In our Diocese:

Church of the Transfiguration, Silver Spring

In the Anglican Communion:

Pray for the new Province of Alexandria (Egypt)

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere,
but especially in Africa.

In the World

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(*indicates a member of the parish; *italics*, new this week):

The victims of this week's Carroll St. apartment fire.

*Faye Adams, Virginia Allen, Rachel Anderson,
Tina Arnold, *Joan Beilstein, *Elizabeth Bordley, Seth Bowers,
Michael Bowling, *Yvonne Boyd, *Bob Brown,
Lillian and David Chalmers, Joré Yvonne Chumbley,
Mary Jo Cooney, *Peggy Grosswiler, Geoff Grub, *Peter Hardin, Pat
Harrigan, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, *Orion Howard, *Bert
Joseph, Edward Knaggs, Renata Lama, Pauline Lerner,
Linda LeVeque, *Karen Marks, David Meyer, Joe Miller,
Richard Murphy, *Sharon Murphy, Brian Newby, *Lisa Null,
Michael Pope, Concetta Pulvirenti, Janet Salvermoser,
Severn Savage, *George and *Miata Sherman, *Joyce Sterling,
*Helen Van Dorn, Enid Williams, *Jeanette Witter,
Greg Woodley, *Jennifer Woods

For those who have died:

Leslie Adams, husband of Faye Adams

Austine Read (sister of Ed Read and
sister-in-law of Leticia Read)

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.

THE PRAYER LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED

If someone needs to be added to the list, please contact

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