



## The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.



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Caroline Day, Seminarian

**+ Season after Pentecost +**

# GATHERING

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\* = Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit | ☩ = a customary time to "cross" oneself

## PRELUDE

### \* HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

*Hymnal 436*

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant      Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People      **Glory to God, forever and ever.**

Celebrant      Let us pray.

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.

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

*O blessed people everywhere*



Oh, bless-ed peo - ple every-where, lift up a hymn of  
glo- ry; let all who know God's steadfast care tell our sal-va- tion's  
sto- ry. No tongue be si- lent; sing your part, you hum-ble souls and  
meek of heart ex- alt the God who made you.

# WORD

## \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

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 The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 33:12-22 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

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 LESSON**      Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader    A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

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

**\* SEQUENCE HYMN**

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

*Hymnal 490*

**\* THE GOSPEL**      Luke 12:32-40

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
People      **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ✕✕✕**

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."

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Susan Butler

**\* THE NICENE CREED**

**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.

#### \* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying,  
**Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; April, our priest; Caroline, our seminarian; and for all who confess your name throughout the world. Inspire our witness to your Holy Gospel, that we may make your love known.

**People** **Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and help us to care for the world you have entrusted to us.

**People** **Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We pray for courage, strength, and grace in our daily lives. May the work of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the prayers of our hearts bring glory to you and hope to your people.

**People** **Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth. Guide the leaders of the nations, and bring those divided by war and hatred to the peace that the world does not yet know.

**People** **Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer, for those who are sick, lonely or imprisoned. Surround them with your healing presence, and help us to minister to them with wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for:

Diana, Barbara, Dexter, Barbara, Darlene, Angela, Helen, Brad, Daniel, Joe, Karen, Tom, Glyn, Hannah, David, Wilma, Patricia, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Andrea, Amy, Deborah, Rebecca, Libby, Jean, and Ann and those we name before you now;

*All are invited to share their petitions, either silently or aloud.*

We pray for Megan, who is with child;

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad.

**People      Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor      We commend to your mercy those who are dying and those who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled.

**People      Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.**

Celebrant      God of Abraham and of Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us towards faith in you. May your coming among us find our hearts open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant      God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us towards faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you. **Amen.**

## \* THE PEACE

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# TABLE

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*This is the hour of banquet and of song*

*Hymnal 316*

## \* PRESENTATION

*Doxology with Alleluias*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2)

*(From Enriching Our Worship 1, 1998)*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

Celebrant      We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved  
over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and  
waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your  
ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her  
children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your  
love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise  
that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

## \* SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,\_\_\_\_ God of pow-er and might,\_\_\_\_  
Bless - ed is\_\_\_\_ the one who comes\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord! Ho -

Heav-en and earth\_\_\_\_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_\_\_\_ the high - est.  
san - na in\_\_\_\_ the high - est,\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

*All stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues:*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat:”  
This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

In the fullness of time bring us, with [      ] and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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**

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## \* FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant      Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People          **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Today we will receive communion in both kinds (bread and wine). To receive communion, move forward to the altar. You may stand or kneel. Stretch out your hands, and the priest or Eucharistic ministers will dip the wafer into the wine and place it in your hands. If you would prefer the bread alone, please tell the minister.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.*

*Those who would like healing prayers offered during the Eucharist are invited to the altar in St. Luke's Chapel, located to the right of the main altar, after receiving communion. You may request prayers of healing for yourself, family, others, and for whatever is on your heart. Prayer requests are confidential. Members of the Order of St Luke offer these prayers; they recognize that healing comes from God, and they feel blessed to be of use in this way. Many of the prayers can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 460-461.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

*Hymnal 339*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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## \* CLOSING HYMN

*The God of Abraham praise*

*Hymnal 401*

## \* THE DISMISSAL

*BCP 366*

Deacon      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
                 Alleluia, alleluia!  
People        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Organist	Karla Fowkes
Preacher and Celebrant	The Rev. Susan Butler
Lectors	Dick McGee, Allison Davis
Intercessor	Janet McCollough
Crucifer	Allison Davis
Gospeler	Ashley Birdsall
Lead Usher	Linda Wideman

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances R. (Fluff) Burnett  
by her children: Judy, Betty, Bill and Terry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Sunday is the last one with a single service at 10am.** Next Sunday – August 14 – we return to our traditional two-service Sunday, with liturgies at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and Christian formation for children and adults at 9:30 a.m.

**Jim Milburn will be on hand this morning after the service to take or update pictures for the Online Directory.** If you'd like to have your photo made, please seek him out after the service.

**Students of all ages and teachers as well are invited to partake of a bit of extra support next Sunday (August 14) as they begin a new school year with Grace's Blessing of the Backpacks.** All who would like to take part are invited to the **Pavilion** following the 10:45 a.m. service.

**Grace Point Day:** Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center and the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee invite everyone to *Grace Point Day*, a day of fun, food, and activities at Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center 300 Chamberlain Cove Rd Kingston, TN on Saturday, August 13, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Food will be provided. Activities will range from splashing in the pool, hiking on Grace Point's 280 acres, kayaking to the eagle's nest, arts and crafts in the art barn, and more. Lunch and drinks will be provided. For directions and more information , visit <https://dioet.org/events/grace-point-day/> .

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**Loose offering** this morning will go into the Rector’s discretionary fund.

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