

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Proper 12

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



Please wear a mask and please do not move the chairs.

Welcome

The Word of God

Prelude

God Will Make A Way

D. Moen

*Celebrant
People*

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

Hymn 304 I come with joy

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no / God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any / good.
- 2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us / all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after / God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned / bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not / one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evil / doers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the / LORD?
- 5 See how they tremble with / fear, *
because God is in the company of the / righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the af / flicted, *
but the LORD is their / refuge.
[repeat second half of chant]
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of / Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be / glad.

A reading from Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Hymn 321 My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself

knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Robinson

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 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 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

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle our Bishops, for Gail and Joe our clergy, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our President, Joe, our Governor, Charles and 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.

Please unmute to add your own prayers and then mute again.

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.

We pray especially for: Milt Barnes Jr., Arlene Barrett, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Beverly Chace, Dorothy Cross, Betty Daiute, Ali Funnell, Marcia Galazzi, Mary Beth Guiliano, Ruth Evans Jones, Bill Kirkby, Leo Liatsos, Joe Manson, Tyler Marshall, Ed Mason, Bill Nemitz, Callie O'Brian, Dianna Oliveira, Jennifer Peters, Linda Staab, Don Usher, Bill Wahlquist, Jack, Lauren, Mike.

Please unmute to add your own prayers and then mute again.

silence

We thank you God for the blessings of this life.
Please unmute to add your own blessings and mute again.

We will exalt you, O God,
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

O God of Light, you call us to action as people of peace even in the face of racial inequity under the law, rampant gun violence, a resurgence of mass shootings, gender injustice, and the continued strain of living with an evolving virus. Let your peace be our first response and our guiding light. Breathe your will through us, O God and make us instruments of your peace. We pray this in the name of your son Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. **Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for all our ministries; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and Everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Lord of Feasting and of Hunger

Carl Schalk

Text: Lord of feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread in the miracle of wonder, till all tables will be fed. See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late. Lord of seed and Lord of harvest, turn the desert into bloom; purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom, send it soon. See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late. Lord of storm and heat and danger, deep inside and high above, break into all fear and anger till you reign the earth in love. See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late. Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity; in our universal living break down all inequity. See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

The Great Thanksgiving

(Please stand as you are able.)

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

God who moves in light and love and life:
From before time you have nurtured this creation
as a loving parent cares for a beloved child.
You fill it with beauty and, by its bounty,
provide for its every need.
In your good time you brought us forth from the world,
created in your image.
You made us stewards of this good earth
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill.
Then, as now, you spoke your love
in many different languages, so that all might hear.
You spoke to your people Israel and set them apart
as a blessing to all people, and from them,
again in your good time, you raised up a servant for us all,
the eternal Word, Jesus,
who would give his life for those he loved
in hopes of bringing them new life.

And, singing with the whole company of heaven,
we join those from every time and tongue and tribe
who proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus S-125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Jesus, the Blessed One, came and moved among us,
 healed, cured, and calmed,
 and challenged the authorities of this world
 to be faithful stewards of your people
 and messengers of your love.

On the night, he was taken captive
 by powers and principalities,
 Jesus spoke new words over bread and wine with his friends.
 And so, we offer you these gifts.
 Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be,
 for your people, the Body and Blood of Christ; who,
 on the night before he died for us, took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:
“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 a 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.”*

Gathered here as the stewards of this table, and following your command,

People

**We remember His death,
We proclaim His resurrection,
We await His coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we celebrate, O God,
this memorial of Christ our Savior.
With holy bread and cup,
we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and we proclaim
His resurrection, until He comes in glory.
Gather us by this Holy Communion,
and, as you have blessed these gifts to be the body and blood of Christ,
bless us also to become Christ's Body in the world.
Knit together in your love,
and so made one in your eternal purpose,
we offer and present to you, O God,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to become a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
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

Hymn S-155 Christ Our Passover

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while we are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. As we receive you in spirit, we long to know your presence in the community of believers once again. Awaiting in hope, we rest in the faith that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

**For Communion Instructions, please see the last page of the bulletin.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*
(see page 14)

Hymn 448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Watts/Croft

Celebrant

The Rev. Gail Smith

Preacher

The Rev. Joseph Robinson

Pianist

Ike Cole

Readers/Intercissors

Jean Collins, Dick Keoppen, Sue Sasso

The new directives from our Bishops regarding re-gathering assume some special care be taken for the distribution of the sacrament. Please join us in honoring these directives to keep each other safe and our church able to meet for worship.

At Communion:

After the Breaking of the Bread and the Fraction anthem, those present but not receiving and those attending by Zoom will be led by the celebrant in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion, during which the choir will move from the dais to the altar for communion offered at two stations. As they finish, ushers will instruct members of the congregation when to approach the altar. Please go to the station on your side of the center aisle remaining masked, and allow the priest to place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand. Then, once returned to your seat, please remove your mask to receive the bread then replace it as we wait for others to receive communion. Once all have received, please stand as the celebrant instructs all to join in saying the Post-Communion prayer.

As the Service Concludes: We invite you to stay for a few minutes and join us for Coffee and Refreshment. Directives allow for only one person to assist in the kitchen so please be patient as all are served. Individually wrapped snacks will be available. Please do not share these with one another, and when you finish, make sure that your waste paper is deposited in the appropriate containers.

Thank you for being a part of today's service. It represents one more step toward normal gathering in our parish's life.

God's blessings,
Joe+ and Gail+

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