

August 7th, 2022

10:30 am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *Henry J. Van Dyke, Edward Hodges*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love
hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing seas
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
love Divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People ***Be glorified in church.***

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People ***Be glorified in the United States.***

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People ***Be glorified in heaven.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People ***Glory to the Son.***

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People ***Forever Three in One.***

Celebrant *Alleluia!*

People ***Amen.***

The Collect for the 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Celebrant

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; 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 is from the Book of Genesis, chapter 15,
Beginning to read at verse 1**

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² 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?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Psalm 33: 10-21

Let us read this responsively by half verse.

¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; *
he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect, and casts out the counsels of princes.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever, *
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, *
and blessed are the people he has chosen for himself to be his inheritance.

¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven and beholds all the children of men; *
from the habitation of his dwelling he considers all those who dwell on the earth.

- 14 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 15 There is no king who can be saved by a mighty host; *
neither is any mighty man delivered by great strength.
- 16 A horse is considered a vain hope to save a man; *
neither shall it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
and upon those who put their trust in his mercy,
- 18 To deliver their soul from death, *
and to feed them in the time of famine.
- 19 Our soul has patiently waited for the Lord, *
for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Our heart shall rejoice in him, *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Praise be to God.*

The Second Lesson if from the Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 11, Beginning to read at verse 1

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he

exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words” Lynn De Shazo

***Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart. (2x)***

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Luke chapter 12, beginning to read at verse 32.

³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may

open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”(ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn DeShazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon The Rev. Owen Lyons

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All ***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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; and Chuck and Owen, our priests; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ; and that they will be comforted by God if their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Christ Church, Rio Grande Valley, Mission, Texas. We ask your anointing upon

Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

*All **Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All **Protect them, O Lord.**

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist O God, our heavenly Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you have promised to those who seek your kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the**

sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Offertory Song “Ain’t No Grave”

Claude Ely, Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave- -Shame is a robber and he’s come to take my name
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground
Love is the power where my freedom song is found

Chorus: There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down
There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down - When I hear that trumpet sound
I’m gonna rise up out of the ground - There ain’t no grave gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue
Fear is a tyrant he’s always telling me to run
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound
Love is my weapon I’m gonna take my giants down *(to chorus)*

There was a battle a war between death and life
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified
He went on down to hell He took back every key
He rose up as a lion, now He’s setting all the captives free
Chorus 2: There ain’t no grave could hold His body down
There ain’t no grave could hold His body down
When He heard the trumpet sound - He rose up out of the ground
There ain’t no grave could hold His body down
There ain’t no grave could hold His body down

All sing ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People **He is.**

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People **He is.**

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People **He is.**

Celebrant This is our God.

People **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant We are His people.

People **We are redeemed.**

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 our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Celebrant Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

All 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.

People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Mystery” *Charlie Hall*

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity

Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink

Jesus, Mystery- Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again.

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All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.

Communion Songs “Our Great God” *Fernando Ortega, Mac Powell*

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Chorus 2: Hallelujah, Glory be to our great God

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God (*chorus*)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe

sing praises to the living God who rules them by His word (*chorus*)

“Goodness Of God”

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head - I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful - All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able - I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (*to chorus*)

Bridge: Your goodness is running after it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything - Your goodness is running after it's running after me (*to chorus*)

“Firm Foundation (He Won't)” *Austin Davis, Chandler Moore, Cody Carnes*

Chorus: Christ is my firm foundation the rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations so why would He fail now - He won't

I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season so why would He fail now - He won't

He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail

Bridge: Rain came and wind blew but my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through (*x2*) (*to chorus*)

Post-Communion Prayer

All Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "In Christ Alone"

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone, my hope is found - He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid ground - Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace - When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all - Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh - Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness - Scorned by the ones He came to save
Til on that cross as Jesus died - The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid - Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay - Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day - Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory - Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath - Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man - Can ever pluck me from His hand
Til He returns or calls me home - Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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