

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 9 o'clock in the morning

~Outdoors on the Labyrinth~

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Prelude

Reflection Supplication

Frank Asper

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The 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.*

Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

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

After these things 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

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 Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

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.*

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Martha, our Regional Canon and Sarah, our Interim Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. We pray for Trinity Church, Canton; Church of the Good Shepherd and Saint Paul's Church, both in Dedham; Parish of All Saints, Dorchester.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for all who are serving in the armed forces, especially Ken Christian, James Daley, Justin Anaya, John Schweizer, Wesley Lefavour, Nic Jacobs, and Sean Kiely and Teddy Libelo. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Lily; Chris; Ron Budka; Lloyd Dixon; Kirsten; Patty McGregor; Tatiana; Demetrius Johnson; David Auxer; Peg Zilinsky; Elena; Ronald; Marian; Alison Kemper and family; James and family; Sandy; Katharine Pearce; Ginny Johnson; Michelle Abell; Bill and Phil; Katie Kiely; Lorraine Legendre; Nancy and Jeff Santora; Ava; Erin; the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for our parish. Grant us the wisdom and grace to do Your will as we seek a new rector. Bless us with clear eyes, listening ears, and discerning minds. Speak to all of our hearts, the hearts of our Search Committee: Mike Bent, Jill Donovan, Dave Estep, Beth Jastrzembki, Beth Kennedy, John Newman, Marguerite Parkman, Ann Weeks; and our parish leadership as we seek a new rector. Help us to discover a mutual path toward fulfilling Your will for us and the community we serve.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, Donald A. Gardner and for the Bernardini and DeLollis families, for whom our Sanctuary candle burns. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

Celebrant

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.

Announcements

Offertory

Pastorale Opus 51 No.1

Edward MacDowell

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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 stewards 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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*People should come forward to the celebrant to receive.
~All Christians of every tradition are welcome to receive Communion~*

Post-Communion Prayer

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Johann Baptist Cramer

~St. Peter's feeds God's people - all are welcome at our table~



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