

## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Service, Proper 12

July 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Hymn 655 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

#### Opening Sentence

*Officiant* You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*       **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.**

*The Officiant continues*

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*All*       **Amen.**

## Invitatory

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*All*       **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Jubilate** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

*All* **Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Officiant* Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

*All* **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Antiphon**

*Officiant* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

*All* **Alleluia.**

**Psalm 145:10-19** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

*Officiant* All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

*All* **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

*Officiant* To make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*All* **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*Officiant* The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

*All* **The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

*Officiant* The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

*All* **You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

*Officiant* The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.

*All* **The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

*Officiant* He fulfils the desire of all who fear him;  
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

**First Reading ..... 2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb (*said responsively by whole verse*)**

*Reader* Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

*All* **For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;**

*Reader* And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

*All* **From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

*Reader* And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

*All*            **Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.**

*Reader*        Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading ..... Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 13: A Song of Praise (said responsively by whole verse)**

*Officiant*     Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

*All*            **Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*Officiant*     Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

*All*            **Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*Officiant*     Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

*All*           **Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
                  **we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*Officiant*    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
                  as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Gospel .....** **John 6:1-21**

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

After this 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 towards 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 lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake 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 towards which they were going.

*Officiant*    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

**Apostles' Creed**

*All*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

*All*            **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Officiant and People*)

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Suffrages A**

*Reader* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*All* **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Reader* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*All* **Let your people sing with joy.**  
*Reader* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*All* **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
*Reader* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*All* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Reader* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*All* **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Reader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*All* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Reader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*All* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Solo by Matthew Johnson** “Good Grace” ..... Joel Houston

**Collect**

*Officiant* 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.



*All*        **Amen.**

### **Collect for Guidance**

*Reader*    Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Intercessional Prayer**

*Officiant*    Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All*        **Amen.**

### **Intercessory Prayers**

*Reader*        We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, David, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, and Dorothy.

*Reader*        We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one. We pray especially for the families of Florence, John, David, Sarah, Ebenezer, Mary, Lewis, Charles, Hannah, Bernice, Lila, Mildred, Jean and Tony.

*Reader*        Are there any other prayer requests for birthdays, travels, etc?

*Officiant*    O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*All*     **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant*    Let us bless the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

*Officiant*    May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through  
the power of the Holy Spirit.

*All*            **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 473 “Lift High the Cross”

*(Refrain)*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**