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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Prelude

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

*Psalms 145:1-4*

As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

**But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

*Psalms 40:11, 16*

## Confession and Absolution

Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**We humbly confess to You, God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared Your bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from Your paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray for You to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

♪ Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

♪ We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;

Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray...

♪ You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You...

♪ Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still...

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## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

♪ Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

♪ Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?

♪ Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.

♪ Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.

♪ Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1–11

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In

his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

<sup>7</sup>“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup>but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

<sup>9</sup>Concerning the prophets:

My heart is broken within me; all my bones shake;  
I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine,  
because of the LORD and because of his holy words.

<sup>10</sup>For the land is full of adulterers;

because of the curse the land mourns, and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up.  
Their course is evil, and their might is not right.

<sup>11</sup>“Both prophet and priest are ungodly; even in my house I have found their evil,  
declares the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

<sup>11</sup>Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“When Peace Like a River”

♪ When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
~It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

♪ Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. ~It...

♪ He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ~It...

♪ And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. ~It....

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## **Holy Gospel** *Please Stand*

Mark 6:30–44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

## **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

## **The Hymn**

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

- ♪ I’m but a stranger here, Heav’n is my home; Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav’n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev’ry hand;  
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ What though the tempest rage, Heav’n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav’n is my home; And time’s wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last, Heav’n is my home.
- ♪ Therefore I murmur not, Heav’n is my home; Whate’er my earthly lot,  
Heav’n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord’s right hand;  
Heav’n is my fatherland, Heav’n is my home.

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Aye, Aye, Captain Obvious!”

Mark 6:30–44

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

## **Preface** *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Proper Preface**

### **Sanctus**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1&2)

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Words of Our Lord**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Distribution Hymns** *Please Be Seated*

“The Lamb”

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

~Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. ~Worthy...

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. ~Worthy...

♪ He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. ~Worthy...

♪ He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows,

His song prolongs Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. ~Worthy....

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“Lift High the Cross”

~Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

♪ Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,

Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high...

- ♪ Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. ~Lift high...
- ♪ All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. ~Lift high...
- ♪ O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. ~Lift high...
- ♪ Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. ~Lift high...
- ♪ So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! ~Lift high....

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**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on You with favor and + give You peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

- ♪ Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- ♪ Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- ♪ Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- ♪ Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- ♪ Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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**Postlude**