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## *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*August 2, 2020*

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast by livestream video*

THE VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Jesus, my assurance*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

## THE OPENING HYMN 7, vv. 1 &amp; 3 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: Ratisbon, melody from Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

*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.  
**Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 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. Alleluia.**

## THE VENITE

*The people say the words in bold, starting and ending with the antiphon.*

*Antiphon:* **The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 17:1-7, 16*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \***  
**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \***  
**I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

- 6 **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 **But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.**

**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 FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 32:22–31*

**T**he same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 19: THE SONG OF THE REDEEMED

*The people say the words in bold.*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
**surpassing human understanding.**

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
**O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
**for you only are the Holy One.**

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
**because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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 SECOND LESSON

*Matthew 14:13–21*

**J**esus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD

*The people say the words in bold.*

You are God; we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

**You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.**

When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
 bought with the price of your own blood,  
 and bring us with your saints  
 to glory everlasting.

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 SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

*Read in unison.*

**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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us 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**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER FOR MISSION

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## HYMN 594, vv. 1 &amp; 2 God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969), alt.

Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873–1932)

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Read in unison.*

**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.

#### THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

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

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

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude on *Praise to the Lord*

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#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Officiant:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Organist:** Douglas Johnson

**Livestream Oversight:** Ray Giolitto

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Whitney Lynch
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Lee
Janet Ray	Sue	Chris	Patricia
Susan Murray	Gwain Gillespie	Ellie Brown	Seamus
Brad Babbitt	Ollie	Billy Ulrich	Deedy
Steve Chambers	CJ	Carlos Diaz	Beverly
Barbara	Maureen Carrol	Katie	

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Jim Sharp	Thomas Whittemore	Abi Reilly
David Beers	Claudia Ayer	Conny DeLuca
Lucia Wolgast	Allan Anderson	Nazra Ali
Rosie Wright	Shirley Yeames	Bill Peelle
John Ineson	Samantha Spillman	Laura Stabile

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Jacqueline and Paul Smith

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury; and for Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter, and honorary canons of our Cathedral.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the new Province of Alexandria (northern Africa).