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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines:

- Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. We ask that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask. We also realize that there are many reasons for vaccinated people to continue masking, including having at-risk household members or being immunocompromised. We encourage everyone who is more comfortable wearing a mask to do so. We will continue to assess and revise the mask policy and other safety measures based on our local public health situation and recommendations from health agencies and church leadership.
- Practice social distancing with members of other households. Greet one another from a distance
 with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).
- We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory. You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude on Land of Rest

George Shearing (1919–2011)

THE OPENING HYMN 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee *All stand and sing*.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

THE TRISAGION

All Holy God,

holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 4:42–44

All sit.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 145:10–19

The people say the words in **bold**.

- 10 All your works praise you, O Lord, * and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, * and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.

THE SECOND LESSON

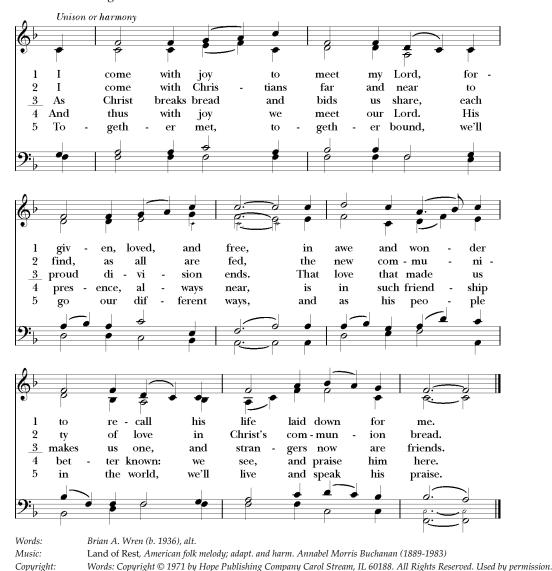
Ephesians 3:14–21

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 304, vv. 1–3 I come with joy to meet my Lord *All stand and sing*.

LAND OF REST



THE GOSPEL John 6:1–21

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 toward 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

The Reverend Margie Baker

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

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

The people say the words in **bold**.

Let us turn in prayer to God whose bounty feeds all.

For the Church, especially Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, that we may be open to God's generous love and be filled with gratitude for all the ways God has provided for us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may entrust to God our needs and rely on God's loving care for us, and for Todd, our new priest in charge, and his family in this time of transition and preparation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who work to preserve the bonds of peace between nations, in communities, and in families, that all God's people may live in safety and security. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who bring food to our tables each day, for those traveling and on vacation, and for those whose lives are threatened by storms, floods, and wildfires, that God will protect and provide for them. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the people of South Africa, Cuba, and Haiti; those in Europe who are victims of flooding; and all those in need, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may be filled with God's strength and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that they may know firsthand the love of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

God of glory, hear the prayers we offer this day, fill us with the love of Christ and stir us by his own example, that we may always be ready to offer the bread of our lives and share it generously with others, that every hunger of body and spirit may be satisfied. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) GRADUATES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM I am the bread of life

Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927)
The text may be found at Hymn 335, vv. 1, 2, 4
Richard Barstow, soloist

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

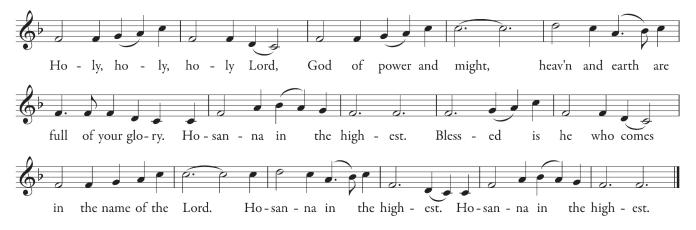
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Exit your row when prompted by an usher, and form a single line in the middle aisle, maintaining social distance with your neighbors.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest when you get to the altar rail. If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

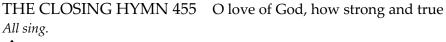
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People

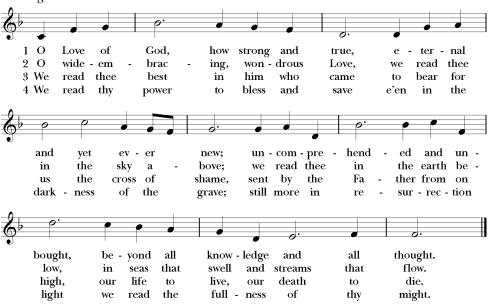
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.



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THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz **Cantor:** Richard Barstow **Organist:** Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Bette-Jane Hardersen Livestream Oversight: Fraz Lugay Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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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.

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Ellie Brown	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Anita Winters	Kimberley
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Jennifer Bennet	Kent Lawrence
Robert E. Eikel	William Bittinger	Joanna Jones	Clark Hendley
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Christine Daniels	Maria Ferreira
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Marrion	Aidan Whittel
A friend	Marie	Hans & Gerlinda	Mary

Tom Reichenbach

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Brad Babbitt Kali Harrington
Juliette Peck Michael Mei
David Kvam Strother Cech
John Wilcox Lorna Wright

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Amy & Todd FitzGerald Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

St. John's Community Garden

Open Garden Hours

Drop in any Tuesday 8:30-9:30am or Thursday 6:00-7:00pm to water, weed, tend, and harvest veggies for our neighbors in need.
No experience needed.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday services of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (outdoors) & 10:30 a.m. (indoors and livestreamed)

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Geoff Emerick	Warden
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Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers
2019–21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr	
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2020–22: June Aziz, Jyothsna Diaz, Anne Harney

2021-23: Robert Eikel, Kara Hart, Julia O'Brien, Martin Wheeler