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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

♪ 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.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou are holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

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

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

A Time of Silence

Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

We confess, heavenly Father, 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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*

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

- ♪ Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- ♪ Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- ♪ To all life Thou givest— to both great and small— In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish— but naught changes Thee.
- ♪ Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased

God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

♪ The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

♪ My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.

♪ Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou are with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

♪ My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

♪ Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 12:22–34

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if

God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Children's Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Have No, Fear Little Flock”

- ♪ Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- ♪ Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
- ♪ Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above.
- ♪ Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

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Proclamation of the Word

“Our Great Reward”

Genesis 15:1–6

Offering and Musical Offering

Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus *Music: "The God of Abraham Praise", Hymn 798*

♪ The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Agnus Dei *Music: "The God of Abraham Praise", Hymn 798*

♪ Unto the Lamb sing praise, Whom God Himself supplied,
God's Lamb, for us You came to earth, For us You died.
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away all sin,
Grant mercy unto us, we pray, Bring peace within.

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Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated* "The God of Abraham Praise" (vv. 1-7)

♪ The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days And God of love. Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

♪ The God of Abr'han praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r, And Him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.

♪ The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways. He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God. And He shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.

♪ He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav'n ascend. I shall behold His face;
I shall His pow'r adore And sing the wonders of His grace Forevermore.

♪ Though nature's strength decay, And earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way At His command. The wat'ry deep I pass,
With Jesus in my view, And through the howling wilderness My way pursue.

♪ The goodly land I see, With peace and plenty blest:
A land of sacred liberty And endless rest. There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound, And trees of life forever grow With mercy crowned.

♪ There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace. On Zion's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains And glorious with His saints in light Forever reigns.

Dismissal

Hymn of Praise *Music: "The God of Abraham Praise", Hymn 798*

♪ The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise!

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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 upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

♪ Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
~Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

♪ With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. ~Rejoice...

♪ With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. ~Rejoice...

♪ Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng. ~Rejoice...

♪ Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day. ~Rejoice...

♪ At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. ~Rejoice...

♪ Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. ~Rejoice....

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Postlude