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## The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Welcome

*In this time of world-wide crisis, when it is not safe for the church to gather for worship as the body of Christ in person, we gather now to hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer.*

### Opening Sentence

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

*Philippians 1:2*

### Collect of the Day

**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.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Invitatory and Psalm

Lord, open our lips.

**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 Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:  
**Come let us adore him.**

**Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God,  
you are great above all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are yours also.  
The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For you are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

*In this reading we hear how the return from exile will be a time of prosperity and abundance when God's covenant will be renewed. The prophet pictures the great day: for a people who have been near death there will be food and drink without cost. God's covenant with David is to be extended to all Israel, and other nations will come to see her glory.*

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22**

*A hymn of praise to the Lord, who is mighty in deeds yet tender and compassionate.*

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.  
The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.  
You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.  
The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.  
The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.  
The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

### **The Second Lesson**

#### **Romans 9:1-5**

*In this reading Paul expresses his anguish and sorrow that so many of the children of Israel, the people especially favored by God, have not found the Lord's promise. To them belong the covenants,*

*the law, and so much else. From their nation Christ himself came. Paul would go to great lengths, even see himself an outcast, if such would help Israel to know its salvation. Later in this letter Paul tries to explain how this all may be part of God's plan of redemption, which in the end will include Israel with the Gentiles.*

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

*Our gospel is the story of Jesus' feeding of over five thousand persons. After the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks a time of retreat. The crowds, however follow him, and he has compassion on them. The narrative suggests many levels of meaning. It recalls Old Testament stories, especially God's feeding of the Israelites with manna in the wilderness, and points forward to the legendary banquet at the end of time where Christ the King will preside. The abundant miracle illustrates Jesus' lordship; he is intimate with the powers of creation. Other themes associated with the Eucharist are close at hand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus 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.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Reflection:** *The Rev. Bill Petersen*

**The Creed:** *We profess our faith using the words of The Apostles' Creed*

**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:** *We center ourselves in the peace and love of Jesus through prayer*

Confident of God's care and upheld by the Spirit, let us pray for all who are in need, responding to the words "Lord, you are good to all" with the phrase, "hear our cry and save us."

*A brief silence.*

O God our Savior, bless your church around the world. Where believers must be isolated from one another, be present through your gracious word. Give to our bishops, priests, deacons and congregational leaders wisdom for their tasks in this challenging time.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:

**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Redeemer of all, bless the Jewish people with your covenant promises. Bring an end to global anti-Semitism, and strengthen ties of cooperation and friendship between Christians and Jews.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:

**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Creator of a wondrous earth, protect the glories of your seas and lands. Replenish groundwater supplies, refresh lakes and ponds, send rains where there is drought, and shelter forests from wildfires.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:

**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Sovereign of the world, form the leaders of nations to strive for justice for all. Guide our government in dealing with China. Strengthen the world's democracies. Bring an end to racism in our society. our elected officials in how to govern with integrity.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Storehouse of goodness, visit all who face the coronavirus, especially those who are incarcerated. Give us, O Lord of life, a vaccine. Assist all who face eviction from their residence. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body or spirit, especially those whom we name here:

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Giver of bread, teach us how to feed the hungry: the children starving in war zones, the families who cannot afford groceries, the homeless on our streets, the farmers devastated by pestilence. Give to all creatures their food in due season.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, Lover of our souls, receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

O God, everlasting mercy, we praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially this week Dominic and all who, him, preached your word with power. At the end, bring us with all your saints to your heavenly banquet.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you are good to all:  
**hear our cry and save us.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray...

**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.**

*A Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

*There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*A Prayer for these times*

*From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray “A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God.” This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.*

**God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction and Dismissal**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Send forth your Spirit, O God,  
**and renew the face of the earth.**



## Announcements

### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Bob Champagne	Bob Pierpont	Ruth Gray	Dylan Allwine
Mick and Judy	Tyler Kott	Rodney Morgan	Stephanie Schroeder
Carolyn Toshney	Gina Vivian	Penny Meyer	Jan Sauda
Faye Juul	Penelope Bennis	Mary McAuley	Gwendolyn Deneault
Vange Sandeen	Mary Ellen Davis	Prue Fitts	Judy Hess
Michael Dowd	Zell Kellogg	Joe Blackett	Marilyn Kay
Shirley Bentley	Jacqueline McLaughlin		

**Note:** The names on the prayer list have been updated to remove names that were added over a year ago. If you would like a name placed back on the list, please send the request to Debra at the office email address [allsaints@metrocast.net](mailto:allsaints@metrocast.net). *Thank you*

## Thank You for Giving During This Time of Pandemic

Thank you for all who have continued to support the work of All Saints during this time. You may make contributions by mail, using your financial institution's automated check writing service, or secure online giving via [Donate](https://www.wolfesaints.com/donate) at [www.wolfesaints.com/donate](https://www.wolfesaints.com/donate)

***Creator of all we enjoy, we give you thanks for the countless people you have gathered to do your work as All Saints' Wolfeboro. We thank you for your Holy Spirit inspiring some as they longed for this church, others as they built this church and still others as they lovingly and boldly led this church through times of abundance and times of scarcity. Help us to be bold as we model giving of time and money during this time. Make our generous giving a symbol of both our faith and our gratitude. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

