



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

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The Lesson: Ephesians (3:14–21)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1067

Commentary:

In his prayer for the Ephesian believers, Paul asked that God would strengthen His people through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Paul wanted his readers to understand that God's love is broad enough to embrace people from all backgrounds and it can reach those far away as well as those nearby. God's love stretches from eternity to eternity and elevates all believers to the heavenly places. God's love is deep enough to rescue anyone from sin's degradation and Satan's grip. God had brought Jews and Gentiles together in the church and His provision of love enables all believers to function harmoniously as members of the body of Christ.

I 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John (6:1–21)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 973

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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,

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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 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose. From ‘Cradle Episcopalian’ junior high school teacher and coach, Nancy Lee went on to complete a Ph.D. in Health Sciences, and conclude her academic career as Department Chair of Health Sciences, Baylor University. She began her ordained ministry as Canon for Spiritual Formation, St. Stephens Cathedral, Harrisburg Penn.; and retired from St. Thomas Parish, in DuPont Circle Washington, DC, after serving 12 years as Rector. Since ‘retirement’ to Wilmington, she has served as Interim Rector for both St. Johns and Holy Cross Episcopal Church, while serving PT as Chaplain for Trinity Grove.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of William Kenneth Hale.*

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