

# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

# **Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Kyrie eleison p. 324

The Collect of the Day p. 180

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29–12:2

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1099

Commentary: In this passage, the author of Hebrews turned from emphasis on faithful, outstanding individuals to a few outstanding events, reminding his readers that the people of Israel achieved victory over their enemies as they trusted God. Trust and obedience brought Israel through the Red Sea and through the walls of Jericho. The Old Testament is full of good examples of persevering faith and some are mentioned here. However, faith does not always result in deliverance; sometimes, the faithful person's reward comes on the other side of the grave. Even so, these many witnesses are models of people who trusted God. In view of this encouragement, we can successfully run and complete the Christian race when our eyes of faith remain fixed on Jesus Christ.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49–56

(NRSV) p. 952

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

## Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margueritte and Thomas Fish, Betty C. and J. Gordon Souther, and Janet Shields Souther.

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