

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 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

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

## The Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*NRSV*, p. 1087

Commentary: Paul had encouraged Timothy to stand firm in his life and ministry and now Paul focused on two specific areas of the highest priority. In his personal life, Timothy's responsibility was to continue on his present path instead of turning aside to follow the example of evil men. Paul reminded Timothy that Scripture was not only the firm foundation for Timothy's life, but the truth which Timothy was to proclaim in his ministry. God speaks through His Word, so Timothy's responsibility as a minister was communication of that Word. As sound doctrine becomes less popular, teaching it accurately becomes more and more necessary.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

## People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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