



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024
10:15 A.M.

Prelude "Liebster Jesu" J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355
Collect for Purity p. 355
Gloria in excelsis S280 Robert Powell
The Collect of the Day p. 231

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1–14a The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 278

Commentary: The great desire of David's heart was for God to be central to Israel's life and worship. Now that the ark of the covenant had been brought to Jerusalem (see 2 Samuel 6), David wanted to honor God by building an appropriately magnificent temple for Him. However, God's intention was for David to be a leader, not a builder. In response to David's desire to honor God, God promised to honor David with a line of descendants who would continue to rule Israel. The Davidic Covenant not only spoke to Israel's short-term future, it was instrumental in the development of the nation's messianic hope. The promised son was Solomon in the immediate sense and in the ultimate sense, Jesus Christ, through whom God will fulfill every promise completely.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20–37

read responsively by whole verse

Tunc locutus es

20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

**21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.**

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

**23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.**

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

**25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.**

26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

**27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.**

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.**

30 “If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;

**31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;**

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;

**33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

**35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
‘I will not lie to David.**

36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;

**37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”**

The Epistle: Ephesians 2:11–22

p. 1067

Commentary: In these verses, Paul continued to explore and explain the profound mystery of the church. Within the body of Christ, barriers of race, culture and ethnicity are overcome. Because of Jesus’ death, Gentiles and Jews are brought near to each other and to God. Ethnic distinctions are not dissolved in the church; instead, Jews and Gentiles are reconciled into a new, living community. Another result of Jesus’ death is that all believers now have direct access to God the Father. Paul pictured the church as under construction. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone and God is constantly adding new believers, who are further united by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 529

“In Christ there is no East or West”

McKee

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form III p. 387

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 360

The Peace p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Jubilate Deo” W.A. Mozart
O Be Joyful in the Lord

Presentation Hymn 380 *third stanza only* *Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C p. 369

Sanctus S129 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” Powell

The Lord’s Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S152 Mason Martens

The Communion of the People *Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

Communion Hymns

Hymn 645 “The King of love my shepherd is” *St. Colomba*

Hymn 345 “Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise” *Ellers*

Hymn 693 “Just as I am” *The Third Tune*

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 493

“O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise”

Azmon

The Dismissal

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Postlude

“Toccatina in F major”

Dietrich Buxtehude



Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
8:30 Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose
9:30 Preacher: The Reverend Robert Hooper
Music: Tim Ford*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 22-26

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 2024 PARISH RETREAT: COME TO THE TABLE - REGISTRATION OPENS
8:00 AM | Online
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT SGT. ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER
5:00-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE
Point of Contact: Brian McMerty
- UNITY BUILD HOUSEWARMING
9:00 AM | 1620 Dorsey Lane

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

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