

✠The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2022✠

Prelude: *Récit de Nazard*

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Processional Hymn: #637 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

S280 Gloria in excelsis / Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

✠THE WORD OF GOD✠

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm 33: 12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. *The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

The Sermon The Reverend Dr. Patricia Lyons

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and
the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression;

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Carlye, our Bishop, for Julio, Bishop of Panama, and Archbishop of Central America; and for all bishops; priests, and deacons.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the needs and concerns of this congregation, for those on the parish prayer list.

For those serving in the armed forces, especially those who are dear to us. We invite your prayers, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Albertine, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

Known and unknown,

Things done and left undone;

And so uphold us by your Spirit

That we may live and serve you in newness of life,

**To the honor and glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Stephen DeCesare
Susan Mittlestadt, *violin*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S130 Sanctus / Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na
in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: *And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say*

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion: *Ich ruf zu dir* (I Call on Thee, Lord Jesus) J.S.Bach

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

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: #510 *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove* St. Agnus

Postlude: *Fantasia No. 2 in C* G.P. Telemann

CHRIST CHURCH NOTES:

Lector- Lori Parks

L.E.M.- Pauline Josephs

Ushers- Mike & Denise Streeter

We ask your prayers ...

For those who are ill: Adrianna, Lorraine, David, Catherine, Deborah, Olivia, Tom, Robert, Tim, Valarie, Thomas, Dan, Deb, Cathy, Kevin, Rick, Lou, RuthAnn, Margaret, Romona, Carolina, Bob, Lauren, Paula, Gary, Mike, Linda, Annie, Clive, Jane, Taylor, Jeronimo, Izabella, Molly, Joe, Clive, Karen, Victor, Timothy, Jarod, Dottie, Sharon, Marsha, Danielle, Robert, Ken, Carlee, Alaina, Albie, Joy, Gizelle, Brenda, Joan, Ron, Rufos, Michael, Eddie, Charlie, Sirma, Gordon, Don, Secret, Rich, Shane, Amanda, Shirley, Lynne, Val, Karen, Larry, Jennifer, Jon, Nancy, Derek, Frederick, Anief, Daniel, Courtney, Tricia, Maura, Hal, Bert, Warren, Ann, Helen, Rena, Angie and Ed. For those with child: Shawn. For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Brian, Bob, D.P., Jerry, James, Gary, Jason, Johnson, Cherefant, David, Nicholas, Lesnar, Michael and Steve.

We rejoice with Mike Streeter, Benjamin DeVecchio, Katie Pachnos and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also Alan & Paula Mantz on their Anniversary.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Beloved loving memory of Albertine C. Richards

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