



# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

## Prelude

### Opening Sentence

*Enriching Our Worship*, p. 19

**Officiant** God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

### Confession of Sin

*Enriching Our Worship*, pp. 19-20

**Officiant** Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**All** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

**Officiant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### The Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant** O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

*Enriching Our Worship*, p. 21

*The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

**Officiant** Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

For you are a great God; \*

**you are great above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

**and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

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## **Psalm 17:1-7,16**

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; \*

**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*

**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*

**melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*

**I have heeded the words of your lips.**

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*

**in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*

**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*

**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.**

But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*

**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The First Lesson**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

**Lector** The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**The Response: The Third Song of Isaiah** (Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14a, 18-19) *Book of Common Prayer, p. 87*

*Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*

**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*

**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

But over you the Lord will rise, \*

**and his glory will appear upon you.**

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

**All** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 14:13-21

**Preacher** Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**All** Thanks be to God.

### **The Homily**

The Rev. Laurie Rofinot

*A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 96*

*Please stand, as able and comfortable.*

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.*

**Officiant** Hear our cry, O God.

**People** And listen to our prayer.

**Officiant** Let us pray.

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## Suffrages

*Enriching Our Worship, p. 42*

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## The Collects (Prayers)

### Collect of the Day

**Officiant** 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.

### A Collect in Times of Conflict

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 824*

**Officiant** O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

**Officiant** God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling*

time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through the first Sunday in September.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

### The General Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 101*

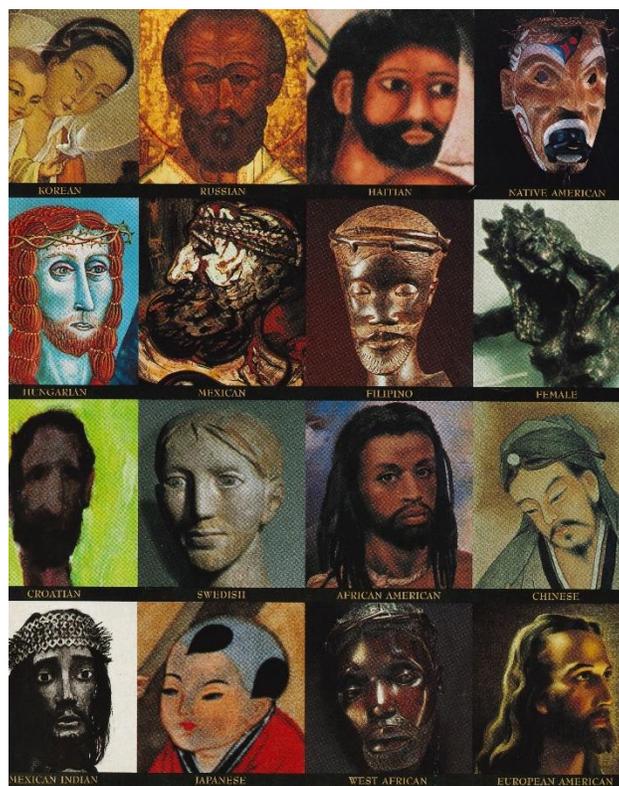
**All** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Officiant** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Music: St. Denio / Welsh hymn  
Adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

## Concluding Blessing

**Officiant** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you, and remain with you and those you love, now and always. Amen.

## Postlude

The hymn this week is a gift of Debby Rempis.

## Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the new Province of Alexandria - created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Parishes of the Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Elizabeth's Church, Wilmington; Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester; St. John's Church, Winthrop; Trinity Church, Woburn; and, Congregations: Parish Historians.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of The Heath and Migliuolo Family Loved Ones.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Bartholomew Roman Catholic Church and First Church of Christ Scientist.

Your prayers are requested for Walter, Bob, Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob, Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Marianne and family, Linda Evans, and for all serving our country - especially, remembering Sean, Ian, Jack, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

*Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!*

*Steve Sussman, Piano*

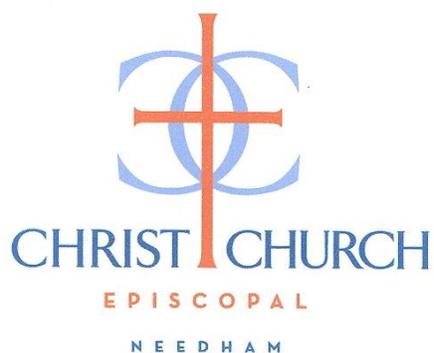
*Vocalists: Lea Peterson, Grant Furgiuele, Mark Anderson*

*And others to be named on air!*

*If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).*

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