

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION

25 July 2021

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness
and wand’ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion’s love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The steadfast love of God, the life of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to Our God Above”

1. Glory be to our God above,
praise to you for your constant love,
for our sins you have paid the price,
we give thanks for your sacrifice.

2. You alone are the Holy One,
Lord most high, Father, Spirit, Son.
Jesus Christ, you are with us here,
with the Spirit we know you near.

Refrain:

**You we glorify, praise,
bless and adore,
offering thanks to you evermore.**

(repeat...)

Refrain (repeat...)

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Heavenly Father, you see how your children hunger for food, and fellowship, and faith. Help us meet one another’s needs of body, mind and spirit, in the love of Christ our Savior. Amen**

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WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“One Bread, One Body”
Shigemi Getter, soloist**

John Foley, comp.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today’s reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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THE GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

In John’s gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called “signs,” because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Joan Beck

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Place Upon Your Table, Lord”

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| 1. We place upon your table, Lord,
where you by grace have bid us dine,
these tokens of our daily work,
the food of life, the bread and wine. | 3. Accept them, Lord;
they come from you;
we take them humbly
from your hand; |
| 2. Within these simple things there lie
the height and depth of human life:
our pains and tears,
our thoughts and toils
our hopes and fears,
our joy and strife. | put these your gifts to higher use:
the holy meal that you command. |

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen**

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HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

SETTING THE TABLE “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav’n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.
Come and revel
in heaven’s love and light.**

**Take your place at
the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.**

3. The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav’n
and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, holy God...

...Through him all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: We are all God's beloved children, and the risen Christ welcomes us to share this holy meal.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Johann Pachelbel, comp.

“Der Herr is mein getreuer Hirt”

BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do beyond us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

People: thanks be to God.

Assistant: Listen, Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship.

People: Amen. We go to serve in Christ's name.

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ ✠, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

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CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service
in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom
and answer your call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev’ryday
life we will face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children,
the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and his name that we bear.

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SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace to bear Christ’s love to the world.

People: Thanks be to God.