



# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024  
8:30 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

### The Collect for Purity

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### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

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### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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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 Lesson: Ephesians 2:11–22

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*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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*People* **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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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.**

**Prayers of the People - Form IV**

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*The response to each petition:*

...Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

**The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving** — Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread** p. 364

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

**The Postcommunion Prayer** p. 365

*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**

**The Dismissal**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*People*



***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*

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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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