

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



....It is to such as these  
that the kingdom of God  
belongs...

Mark 10:14b

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# THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,  
1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,  
*Refrain*  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

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

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.



Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### THE PSALM

Psalm 26

*Judica me, Domine*

*Remain seated*

- <sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup> Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup> For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- <sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

- <sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
<sup>7</sup> Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.  
<sup>9</sup> Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,  
<sup>10</sup> Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.  
<sup>11</sup> As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.  
<sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

## SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12*

*Reader* A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?  
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said in unison.*

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

*All remain standing.*

Merciful and loving God, we come before you seeking your grace. Create in us lives that are gracious and loving. We raise our hearts and voices to you, responding,  
In your mercy, Lord

*Hear our prayer.*

Reveal yourself to us in the world you have fashioned: in the wonder of your creation and in the faces of our brothers and sisters. Strengthen our commitment to being good stewards of all that we are and all that we have. Keep us mindful of the billions of your children we will never know, and the generations which will follow us.

In your mercy, Lord

*Hear our prayer.*

Train our hearts on you and teach us to listen to your voice and follow your lead. Equip us, we pray, with all we need to do the work you have given us to do: to reflect your goodness in the world, to open our hearts to all people, to partner with you in your mission of reconciliation.

In your mercy, Lord

*Hear our prayer.*

Flood this nation with a yearning for justice for all people in all things. Shine a light into those instances where we have been wrong or where we have claimed more than our share while the needs of others have been ignored. Ignite in us a passion for your purpose in this world you love so dearly.

In your mercy, Lord

*Hear our prayer.*

As you never tire of loving us, may we never tire of caring for your people who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We thank you for experiences of new life and insight. We rejoice with those households expanding with new children and life-giving relationships. Hold close to your heart those who are making their final journey home to you. Grant them a peaceful end and a joyous entry into the communion of all the saints in light. We pray for *(add your own petitions)*

In your mercy, Lord

*Hear our prayer.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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

*All stand.*

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

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

*Flentge*



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need

I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 help me to see your pur - pose and your will—  
 to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—

and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

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## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

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.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Celebrant and people*

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

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in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

### **EPICLESIS**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## FRACTION ANTHEM (SUNG BY CANTOR)

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my *All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

*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 Bread is given to communicants with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

*Schmücke dich*

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the  
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who  
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's  
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y  
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:  
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this  
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me  
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed— high o'er all the heavens he  
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from  
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.  
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.  
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last three lines. Each line of lyrics is aligned with the corresponding musical notes for all four parts. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The hymn concludes with a final chord in the Soprano and Alto parts.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach—us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1790-1867), alt.

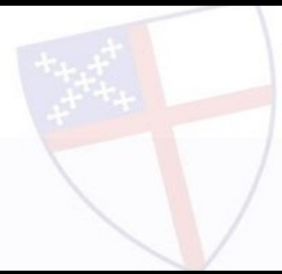
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*Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.*



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### PRAYERS

**Parishioner Cycle of prayer:** The Walls Family—Jerry, Stephanie, Elliot, Fiona, Piper, and Summer

**Ministry Rotation of Prayer:** Men's Bible Study Group

**Happy Birthday:** Sue Morris, Allen Haight, Joshua Bills

**For those who are sick:** Kitty, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary, Vickie, Joleen, Christine, Obi, Charlie, Cynthia.

### ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, October 4—Friday, October 9

8:00 AM—Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

#### October 10

10:00 AM Sunday In-Person Eucharist and Virtual Service

12:00 PM Outdoor Service in the Peace Garden (Masks Optional)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premieres on YouTube

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#### COMING UP:

Bishop Jeffery Lee will install Mother Mindy as Rector of St. Peter's on Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 PM. Please put this on your calendar!

### TODAY: PET BLESSING DURING THE 12:00 PM SERVICE

Bring your pets to church if you are coming to the outdoor service, (on leash, or in cages of course)

If you are coming to the 10:00AM service and want to have your pets blessed, please return with them at Noon.



**Please Note: Monday, October 4 the office will not be staffed.**