



THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, LECTIONARY 18, AUG 2, 2020

Welcome to worship! We are one family of faith even as we worship in-house and wherever we are sheltering in place. Let us gather together in heart and spirit, encouraging, praying and caring for one another.

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are provided generously, without cost to the hungry guest. In Matthew Jesus takes what looks to be an insignificant gift and provides a feast. When we are challenged or stressed we can be afraid, and see scarcity -toilet paper, anyone ☹️?- or even create it. But Jesus teaches us what God can do when we give, and when we are willing to receive, together.

GATHERING

Announcements and time for prayer and preparation.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Blessed be the Trinity, Father, Son ✚ and Holy Spirit,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reforming God,

**You have promised to be with us and abundantly bless
yet in fear we are divided.**

**We confess that we do not trust your abundance,
failing to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We close our hand to our neighbor,
and use your good creation carelessly for our own benefit.**

**We place our hope in ourselves, yet our efforts fall short of your love
and your children suffer.**

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, re-form us ;
so that the world may know us by your love. Amen.**

Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all our sins. Now, seek good, and not evil; love mercy. Encourage one another to acts of love as we await the fullness of the coming Kingdom in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: - *Silence*-. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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The Readings

The first reading is from Isaiah, the 55th chapter.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 55:1-5

Silence for Reflection

The second reading is from Romans, the 9th chapter.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Romans 9:1-5

The Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21, is offered

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,

But by every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Alleluia.*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter! **Glory to you O Lord!**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it,

they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Teaching the Word/Sermon

CONFESSION OF FAITH & PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

When we were baptized into Christ, we received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, that we would be made part of the Body of Christ and be strengthened in the Spirit and power to follow Christ. Before God, and one another, let us confess the faith of the Church in trust and confidence.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sustained by the promised hope of healing and new life, we join our voices and prayers with God's people in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy and generous God, you take what we offer and create abundance. Help and strengthen us give ourselves and our resources generously to your work that our neighbor, creation and our lives will be blessed and renewed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all working to form plans for the coming school year. Sustain families and educators as they work together to bring learning and growth to all students. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here we may offer the needs of our hearts in the silence after each petition

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs as we bring them before you now:

all in need of healing care, those who work to provide it, and any
unable to receive the care they need to find wholeness...

all working in medical research to formulate treatment to slow or stop the
spread of COVID-19, or to bring healing to those in its grip ...

families struggling and stressed to meet the needs of work and home...

those struggling and anxious for health in body, mind and finances....

Hear our needs, and the needs known only to You. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

Other petitions may be offered as there is need...

Eternal God, comfort the dying and those who wait with them. In your compassion, comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, and bring peace to the grieving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your embrace we commend all for whom we pray, O God, trusting in your mercy and love, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Pause to share peace and offer thanks for God's gifts that sustain and bless us. If you wish, share a blessing, something or someone for whom you are grateful. Offerings can be made online by going to the website christpipersville.org, using the QR code with your smartphone, or be gathered and mailed.



Then continue:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Let us pray. *Silence* God of goodness and growth,

all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

A Brief Silence

Praise and thanks to you, holy God,

for by your Word you made all things:

you spoke light into darkness,

called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel
to tell of your wonderful gifts:
freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross,
life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
We give you thanks and praise.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us:

**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 God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

*We give thanks to God that we are able to gather where we are sheltering in place
and in-house, and for your faithful support as we move forward serving one
another and out community.*

POSTLUDE



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