

10:00 am

August 10, 2025 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (CP #349)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Sung Gloria: "Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo" (CP #376)

The Collect

Watchful God, kindle a new flame in our complacent hearts and take from our hands the burden of worthless things, so that we may be ready to receive a greater gift: the love of Jesus Christ, our Servant King. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (Linda Mcrae)

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken

and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God reveals the divine glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

before whom there is a consuming flame, and round about whom a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above

to witness the judgement of this people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause;

for God, God alone, is judge.

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak: O Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;

your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God,

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;

but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Glory to God, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Amanda Hansen)

<u>Gradual Hymn</u>: "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" (see video screens for text)

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 (Bob McGall)

The Sermon: The Reverend Marnie Peterson

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

Affirmation of Faith by St. Hildegard of Bingen

Spirit of God, Life and Life-giver, Root of all life, Enlivening Wind, washing away sin, anointing each wound, You are True Life, alive with Light, worthy of praise, awakening the heart from death to new life. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (Peter Bayley)

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

~ Silence is kept ~

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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.**

<u>The Peace</u>: The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: "How Clear is Our Vocation" (CP #466)

— The Celebration of the Eucharist —

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

May God be with you. And also with you Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing: (CP #732)

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

Sung Lord's Prayer by Gordon Light

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) verses 1, 2, 1

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Thanks be to God.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass. We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

<u>Communion Hymn</u>: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (see video screens for text)

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (CP #300)

<u>The Dismissal</u>: Go in peace, share the good news. Thanks be to God.

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