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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

The Order of Service without Holy Communion

Prelude

Hymn – #1

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Stand

Invocation

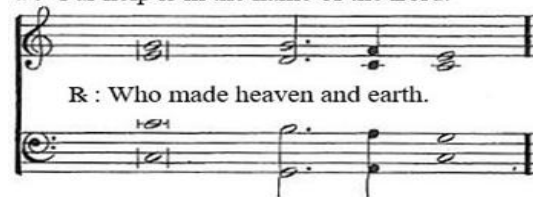
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



The Confession of Sins

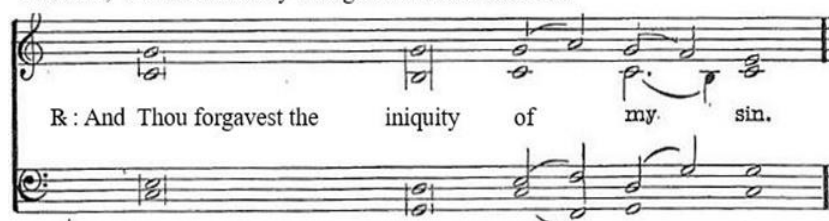
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



R : Who made heaven and earth.

V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



R : And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.



Introit Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7

*Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!*

**He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

*He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.*

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

**Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The musical score for Gloria Patri is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of music with the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;'. The second system contains the second line of music with the lyrics 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.'.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Ohrist, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for Kyrie is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of music with the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Ohrist, have mer - cy up -'. The second system contains the second line of music with the lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace; good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Ohrist;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

The musical score for The Gloria in Excelsis is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of music with the lyrics 'Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace; good will toward'. The second system contains the second line of music with the lyrics 'men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,'. The third system contains the third line of music with the lyrics 'we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.'. The fourth system contains the fourth line of music with the lyrics 'O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.'. The fifth system contains the fifth line of music with the lyrics 'O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Ohrist;'. The sixth system contains the sixth line of music with the lyrics 'O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,'.

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Collect for The Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: A - - - men.

Sit

The Catechism Review – The Lord's Prayer

What is The Sixth Petition?

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Epistle Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by

accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

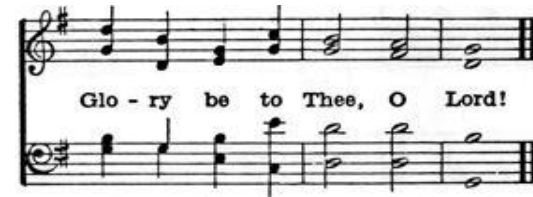
¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 12:22-34

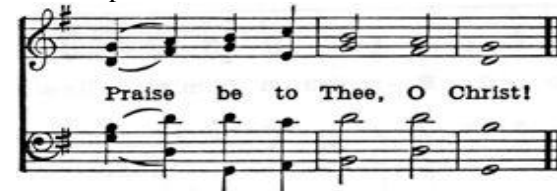
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn #394

“My Faith Look Up to Thee”

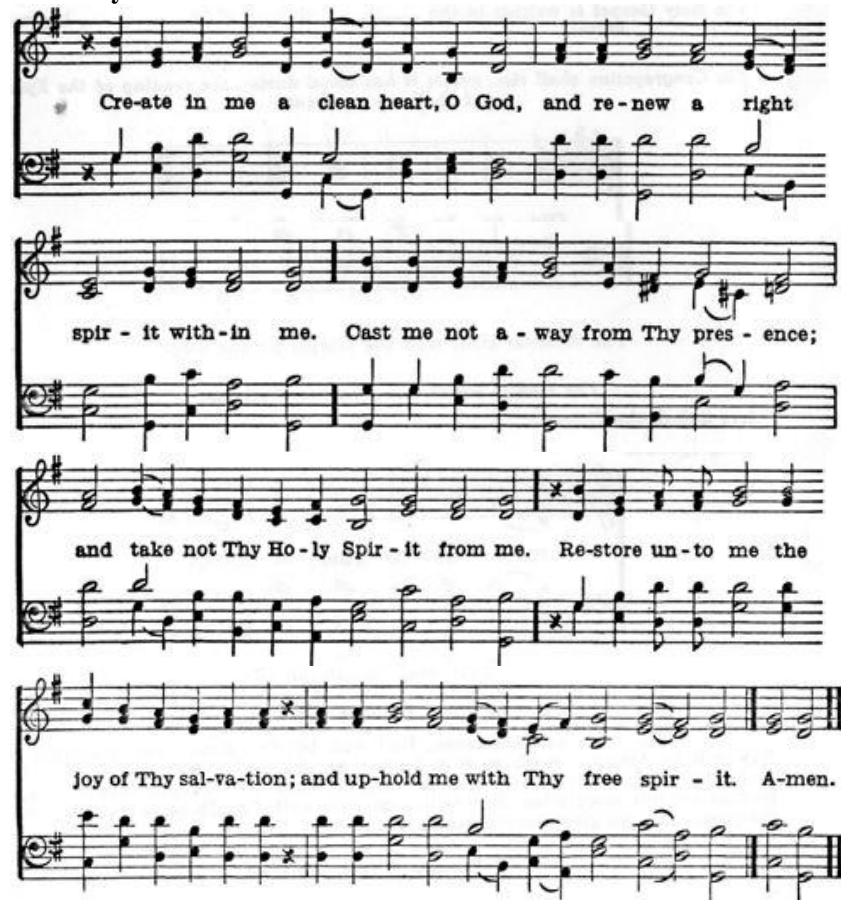
Sermon “By Faith”

Hebrews 11:4-7

- I. By faith we are righteous before God.
- II. By faith we can do great and godly works.

Stand

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir - it. A-men.

Sit

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer

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.

Sit

Hymn #428

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

Stand

The Collect for the Word / Church



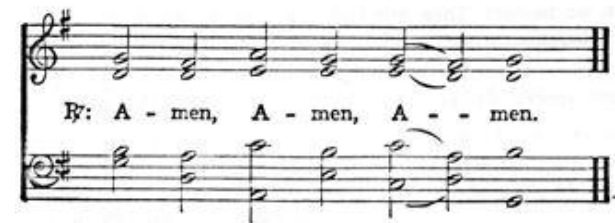
R: A - - - men.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



R: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn #396

“Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

Daily Readings August 10: 1 Sam. 25:23–44; 1 Cor. 4:1–21; 11: 1 Sam. 26:1–25; 1 Cor. 5:1–13; 12: 1 Sam. 28:3–25; 1 Cor. 6:1–20; 13: 1 Sam. 31:1–13; 1 Cor. 7:1–24; 14: 2 Sam. 1:1–27; 1 Cor. 7:25–40; 15: 2 Sam. 5:1–25; 1 Cor. 8:1–13; 16: 2 Sam. 6:1–19; 1 Cor. 9:1–23.

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