



Holy Nativity



**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 2, 2020**

## The Prelude

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*The Presider says.*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



## **Psalm 17:1-7, 16**

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.**
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.**

## **A Reading from the New Testament Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ -- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit -- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For 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. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Lector:*   Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

*People:*   **Thanks be to God.**



## The Gospel

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew 14:13-21.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

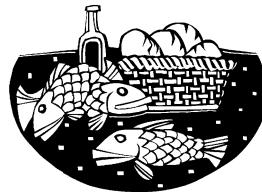
Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then 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. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Judy Baldwin



## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

God who hears us, holds us, and helps us, you are our eternal source of blessing. You are our endless source of provision. In your compassion, you see our need; you heal our sickness and satisfy our hunger. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need:

For our sisters and brothers called by your name throughout the world, we ask that our witness be according to your example of welcoming the stranger, respecting all genders, and forgiving those who sin against us. Let the actions we take in our daily life draw others to you.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

Bless your church and help us move forward in mission with you. Let the hope and generosity of your words draw others to live together in the peace that passes all understanding.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For the healing and preservation of your creation in heaven and on earth, we pray for the health of our planet. You have given us all that we need. Give us the grace to sustain such riches as healthy soil and clean water for ourselves and for the generations to come.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For the need of the nations — wisdom for leaders, vindication and relief for the oppressed, we ask your guidance and inspiration. Help us work to elect leaders who will value the lives of their people over profit and power.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For those who are hungry, ill, vulnerable, or seeking refuge from adversaries and injustice, let us take more action rather than just having good-will. Help us, as community, to work in committed ways to ease suffering and to help build a system where all will be safe and will have their needs met.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For all who need you, near and far, especially those we name now in our hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

For the faithful who have preceded us and in whose steps we follow, let us humbly do our part in the ongoing movement toward a just and peaceful world.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

Wondrously show us your steadfast love, that we may likewise show that love to our fellow human beings. Let us do what you have commanded: restrain from judging one another, forgive, reconcile, redeem, share what we have with one another, visit the sick and those in prison, and show compassion toward those whom you also love. We ask all this through Christ our Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord. Hear us.**

*Officiant: Closing Prayer*



## The Confession of Sin

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People:* **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.**

*The Presider says*

May God love you and have mercy upon you;  
Through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free.  
God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.  
In the name of the Source, the Word, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## Welcome to Holy Nativity

*We welcome everyone to Holy Nativity  
and announce upcoming events.*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Presentation Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

The Hymnal 1982, No. 325

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The Sursum Corda is a form of introduction to prayer.  
Here begins the Great Thanksgiving.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues.*

Creative God, source of all life and ground of our being, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe. Through us, you move; and through us, you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves to find courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

For by water and the Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

And so in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you.

## **Sanctus**

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

*The Presider continues.*

Holy God, known and beyond all knowing, in your image you created us, male and female, giving the earth into our care. In our arrogance, we lost touch with the breath of God within us and the divinity of the creation, growing blind to its beauty and deaf to its harmonies. But through Christ, born of a woman, your deep abiding love reclaimed us and re-aligned us with the flow of the universe.

On the evening in an upper room, with his friends around him, our brother Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who were gathered, saying, "This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it, remember me."

Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who were gathered, saying, "Take this wine. It is my blood. God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me."

God, in memory of Jesus, who healed people and washed disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life – we ask that you breathe on this bread and this wine, filling them with the transforming power of the Christ.

*All:*

**Breathe through us, God, that our bodies, minds, souls, and spirits may be filled with your life-giving presence. Make us again a holy people, strongly bound to you, firmly rooted in the earth, with eyes to see all life as sacred. Empower us to spread the light of Christ in our troubled and confusing world. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*All:*

**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,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## The Invitation

*Presider:* Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

*People:* May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

## Communion



## The Post-Communion Prayer

**God of abundance,  
    you have fed us with the bread of life  
    and the cup of salvation;  
    you have united us with Christ and one another,  
    and you have made us one with all your people  
    in heaven and on earth.**

**Now, send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
    that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
    and continue for ever in the risen life  
    of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn

Down by the Riverside  
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, No. 210

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*Presider:* Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit guides our path.

And may the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus Christ. May the blessing of God, our mother and father, and of Jesus, who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us, be with us this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Postlude



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### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of people who share our joy  
in the peace and love of God with our children and neighbors.  
We support each other as we celebrate God's blessings in our  
lives through worship, prayer, music, and service to others.