Holy Eucharist † 8:00 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 20 | September 22, 2019

The Word of God

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 79:1-9
Save, Lord, thy people
1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; *
2 they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. *
3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
4 and there was no one to bury them. *
5 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
6 an object of scorn and derision to those around us. *
7 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
8 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
9 and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name. *
10 Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name’s sake.

The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.

He summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you?
1 So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you?
2 For you have been squandering your property. “He said to him, “I am not a dishonest manager; I was not dishonest while I was your manager, *
3 and I have been brought very low. *
4 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
5 deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name’s sake.

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Collect For Welcome (in unison)
Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity, Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick, Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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.

Prayers of the People
The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Please pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation in whom thou has placed thy blessing; that, with a thankful heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy wonderful creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Rev. Margaret McGhee
A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Nicene Creed
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Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, profaning most justly thy worthy and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All things come of thee O Lord.

People

And of thy own have we given thee.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

We do magnify thee, O Lord our God.

For thou art in heaven, and there is none beside thee that can be compared unto thee.

And we praise thee, O Lord, most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for our sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall remember him, in remembrance of his death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial of thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and for his coming with new power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-belonged Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Lord Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 congregation begins moving forward to the altar rail as soon as the Celebrant says the words, the "Gifts of God for the People of God."

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord's Table. It is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, to the high altar, putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

Following Communion, the congregation stands for the Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

We do share one bread, and one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou hast fed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporated in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary R. Weinberger

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for...

Andrew, Alice, Angela, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Barbara, Beth, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Campbell, Carmen, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Dalia, Dan, Desarie, Diane, DJ, Donna, Dorothy, Edmund, Edwin, Elena, Ellen, Emmy, Enid, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, Geoff, Gerry, Greg, Guy, Molly, Hunter, Jack, Janene, Janet, Jerry, Joaquin, John, John Joseph, Jonathan, Joseph, Judy, Kathryn, Kay, Kelley, Ken, Kendell, Kerlyn, Linda, Lynn, Malgaglia, Malcolm, Marcia, Mariela, Marge, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Mary Lou, Matthew, Michael, Miriam, Mirym, Nancy, Nolan family, Pat, Peggy, Phyllis, Reysen, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Rudy, Sally, Sharon, Shawn, Stephen, Sue, Susan, Todd, Vincent, Voila, Ward of those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, and Tommy.

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