

THE NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023



**Worship is from the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the Blue Hymnal. Child Care is available in the Nursery.**

**Organ Prelude:** II. Chromatic prelude *from* Three Quiet Preludes

*Alec Rowley (1892-1958)*

**Entrance Hymn:** O worship the King, all glorious above, *Hanover*

*Hymn 388*

**Opening Sentences**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355*

**Gloria:** *Robert Jennings Powell*

*Hymn S-280*

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalalm 105:1-11, 45b *Confitemini Domino***

*The congregation chants the Psalm to a simplified Anglican chant by Robert McCormick (b. 1978)\*. (Change pitches after each | in the text).*



**1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his | Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples.**

**2 Sing to him, sing praises | to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous | works.**

**3 Glory in his holy | Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD re- | -joice.**

**4 Search for the LORD and his | strength; \*  
continually seek his | face.**

**5 Remember the marvels | he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his | mouth,**

**6 O offspring of Abraham his | servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his | chosen.**

**7 He is the LORD our | God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the | world.**

**8 He has always been mindful of his | covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand gener- | -ations:**

**9 The covenant he made with | Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to | Isaac,**

**10 Which he established as a statute for | Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for | Israel,**

**§11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of | Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."**

**45b Halle- | -lujah!**

*§ Denotes a return to the second half of the chant.*

## **The Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**The Sequence Hymn:** "Thy kingdom come!" *St. Flavian*

*Hymn 615*

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.      ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead</i>	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		BCP 358
<b>The Prayers of the People (Form III)</b>		BCP 387
<b>The Confession of Sin</b>		BCP 360
<b>The Peace:</b> The Peace of the Lord be always with you. <i>And also with you.</i>		
<b>Welcome &amp; Offertory Sentence</b>		
<b>Anthem at the Offertory:</b> Children of the heavenly Father, words by Caroline Sandell (1832-1903), translated by Ernst W. Olson (1870-1958); melody <i>Tryggare kan ingen varaa</i> , Swedish folk melody, arranged by Jeffrey Hoffman (b. 1970)		
<b>Offertory Doxology:</b> Praise God from whom all blessings flow, <i>Old 100th</i>		Hymn 380 (vs. 3)
<b>The Holy Eucharist:</b> Prayer A		BCP 361
<b>Sanctus et Benedictus,</b> <i>Robert J. Powell</i>		Hymn S-129
<b>Agnus Dei,</b> <i>Robert J. Powell</i>		Hymn S-163
<b>Communion Hymn:</b> O Day of God, draw nigh, <i>St. Michael,</i>		Hymn 601
<b>Post Communion Prayer &amp; Blessing</b>		BCP 366
<b>Processional Hymn:</b> If thou but trust in God to guide thee, <i>Wer nun den lieben Gott,</i>		Hymn 635
<b>Dismissal:</b> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		
<b>Organ Voluntary:</b> Grand Choëur in C		<i>Charles-Alexis Chauvet (1837-1871)</i>

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