

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (2nd August, 2020)

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M: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters,

All: **and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

Opening Hymn – Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs *LH 436*

1. **Come let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**
2. **‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘to be exalted thus’;
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
for he was slain for us.**
3. **Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever Thine.**
4. **Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of him who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.**

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M: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. So let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us;

C: **We confess to you, almighty God,
before the whole company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by our own fault.
Have mercy on us, for Jesus’ sake, forgive us all our sins,**

and bring us to eternal life.

Amen.

M: As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: The Lord is slow to anger and of great kindness. Christ have mercy

C: **Christ have mercy.**

L: The Lord is loving to everyone,
Lord have mercy,

C: **Lord have mercy.**

M: The Lord be with you,

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray for the bread of life.

Loving Father,

your dear Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world.

Give us this bread, so that he may live in us and we in him.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 55:1-5

Invitation to the thirsty

¹ “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend

money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8, 9,14-21 (*Spoken responsively*)

M: ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

All: ⁹ **The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

M: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall

All: **and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,

All: **and you give them their food at the proper time.**

M: ¹⁶ You open your hand

All: **and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: ¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

All: ¹⁸ **The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

M: ¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

All: **he hears their cry and saves them.**

M: ²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,

All: **but all the wicked he will destroy.**

M: ²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

**All: Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5

Paul's sorrow for his own people

¹ I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

L: Alleluia, alleluia.
No one lives on bread alone,

**All: but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21

(Spoken) Glory to you, O Lord,

Jesus feeds the five thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” ¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. ¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he

gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: *(Spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your great compassion.

Help us to receive your generosity with thanks, and share your gifts with others.

Amen.

Hymn – The Lord’s My Shepherd *LH 387*

- 1. The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**
- 2. My soul He doth restore again:
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own name’s sake.**
- 3. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**
- 4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**
- 5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

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Sermon

All: 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Offering Song – Feed us now *AT 79*

1. Feed us now, Bread of life,
In this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew:
We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of life,
Come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine:
Lord, this food is good:
Love and mercy come to us –

**Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine;
Who can understand
How his mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord, we believe.**

- 3. God is here, O so near –
Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go;
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you –
On the bread that is true.**

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**L: Lord, we thank you for giving us
not only what we need, but much more.
Help us joyfully to accept your good gifts,
especially life and fellowship with you,
and to share your gifts with others.
Make us generous and self-giving.**

All: Amen.

Prayer of the church

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,**

**and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

M: Go in peace, filled with the abundant life that God gives you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favour,
† and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

Closing hymn – Father most holy

- 1. Father most holy,
merciful, and tender;
Jesus our Savior,
with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,
Light never wanting;**
- 2. Trinity blessed, Unity unshaken;
Goodness unbounded,
very God of heaven
Light of the angels,
joy of those forsaken,
Hope of all living;**
- 3. Maker of all things,
all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship
were and are created;
Now, as we also
worship Thee devoutly,
hear Thou our voices.**
- 4. Lord God almighty
unto Thee be glory:**

**one in three persons,
over all exalted!
Glory we offer,
praise Thee and adore Thee,
now and forever.**

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