

Welcome and Blessings! We offer you thanks for celebrating this time together and give praise to our gracious God for your presence.

Introduction to the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Prelude

Gathering

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son (✠), and Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God...

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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**1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

**3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**

**4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

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***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

(See Celebrate)

Let us pray. ...

C **Amen**

Word

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5 (See Celebrate)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 (See Celebrate)

Lector: A Reading from Romans.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5 (See Celebrate)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

***Gospel Acclamation**

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 14:13-21 (See Celebrate)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Spoken

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Spoken

Sermon

Gravy over everything.

^{NRS} Psalm 116:12 What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹⁷ I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD. ¹³ I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵ In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. LBW p. 87

*** Hymn of the Day**

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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**1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

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*** Apostle Creed**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***Prayers of Intercession**

(See Celebrate)

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please use social distancing, but you may offer "peace be with you in American sign language.)

*** Sending Hymn**

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

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- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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***Lord's Prayer**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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**

Sending

***Blessing**

P 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 favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father † and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

***Announcements and sharing time**

***Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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