



# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*This liturgy is adapted from "A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season" by Elizabeth Grover.*

*Please stand.*

### OPENING WORDS

*Officiant* The God of love is with us.

*People* **The Spirit of love is in us.**

*Officiant* Blessed is the Holy Spirit, the breath of God.

*People* **Let the winds and all creation praise you.**

### THE LIGHTING OF THE THREE LIGHTS

*Officiant* We will light a light in the name of the Maker

*People* **God who breathed life into all creation,**

*Officiant* We will light a light in the name of the Christ

*People* **Jesus who taught of the love that flows in all.**

*Officiant* We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

*People* **The Holy One embracing us like the wind.**

Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our inmost desires known. We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. Be present at all times in our thoughts and hearts and purify them with your Holy Spirit, so that we may love you with the love of the Spirit and praise your name with humility and joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A HYMN OF PRAISE

*Officiant* God breathes life into creation. Let us praise the God of all breath, of all creation!  
O God, our strength

*People* **We praise you for your power.**

*Officiant* O God, our Shield.

*People* **We praise you for your protection**

*Officiant* O God, our Comfort

*People* **We praise you for your solace.**

*Officiant* O God, our Inspiration

*People* **We praise you for your renewal**

*Officiant* O God, our Life,

*People* **We praise you for your grace.**

*Officiant* O God of all,

*People* **We praise you for your love. Glory to the God of all! Glory, glory! Amen, amen.**

## A PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Officiant* Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Don't be afraid of the dark, little one,  
The earth must rest when the day is done.  
The sun must be harsh, but moonlight - never!  
And those stars will be shining forever and ever,

Be friends with the Night, there is nothing to fear,  
Just let your thoughts travel to friends far and near.  
By day, it does seem that our troubles won't cease,  
But at night, late at night, the world is at peace.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old- and Sarah herself was barren- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY

*There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Officiant* Let us join in affirming our faith in God.

*All* **Our God is the God of all humanity**

**Of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers**

**If the sun and the moon , and all the stars**

**God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys,**

**Over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.**

**God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas,**

**Inspires all things, brings life to all things,**

**Is over all things and supports all things.**

**God makes the light of the sun to shine,**

And surrounds the moon and stars,  
Brings water to the deserts  
And places dry islands in the sea.  
God's son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.  
The Holy Spirit breathes in the father and the Son,  
And the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.  
And God is forever. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* We now pray for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that we are God's people and the hand of his love on earth. Let us pray.

*Intercessor* Blessed are you, O God, for your breath at the heart of creation from which the winds of joy and gladness come forth;

*People* **For the gentle breezes that bring coolness and refreshment.**

*Intercessor* As we give thanks for the gift of life and for the comfort we receive in your holy presence, we pray for those places in our world and our lives where there is no joy or comfort;

*People* **For communities in ruins and war-torn people and nations; for those held captive physically or emotionally;**

<Pause for additional prayers.>

*Intercessor* For those who are weary or weakened by troubles

*People* **And those who are dying and frightened;**

*Intercessor* For the sick and the suffering, especially those we now name.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

For the departed and those who mourn.

<Pause for additional prayers.>

We ask your comfort and your holy presence, Lord,

*People* **For all people, for our loved ones and for ourselves.**

*Intercessor* We pray to you, O God, asking that we may know your breath of love within us and that our lives may be a witness to that love and to your glory.

*Celebrant* May God guide us with wisdom, help us with mercy, bless us with grace, and empower us with love; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Celebrant* We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Celebrant* God makes peace within us.

*People* **Let us claim it.**

*Celebrant* God makes peace between us.

*People* **Let us share it.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

*There are two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs) where you may deposit your offering safely.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* All things are yours, O God of creation,

*People* **And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made

*People* **May it become for us the bread of life.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of humans hands

*People* **May it become for us the cup of blessing**

*Celebrant* Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of our selves.

*People* **In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever**

*Celebrant* We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God. You breathe into us your Spirit, and by the blowing of the gentle breeze, you remind us of the constancy of your loving presence. Your glory is in the breath of each created thing, and through your creation we see the holiness and wonder of your being, And so with all the hosts of heaven and earth, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that soothes, we join in the praises of your unending greatness:

*Celebrant and People*

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire in us the hope that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be His, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, He broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*People* **Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice**

*Celebrant* Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and this wine, that through them we may be made stronger again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

*All* **AMEN**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

*People and Officiant*

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* The Bread of heaven is broken for the life of the world.

*People* **The Cup of love is shared with all who seek God. Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **O God, in love you have called us to be your people and in love you have given us this bread and wine; may this holy meal refresh us as a gentle and steady breeze, that renewed in your Holy Spirit, we may go forth into the world to serve your people; in the name of God, who is Love. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.

*People* **But we will carry the light in our hearts and we pray that as we go about our work in the work, we will shine with the love of God. Amen**

### THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* The power and peace of the Presence protect you.

The grace and goodness of the saints inspire you.

The good and gracious God go with you and keep you always.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

*Lector*

Peter Merten

*Lay Reader*

Missy Darling

*Intercessor*

*Celtic Guild*

Dave Howard

*Bread Guild*

Amber Traven

*Altar Guild*

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