

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #574 *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

1. Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:

give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2. Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.

From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

3. For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

4. Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:

consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a newborn people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *(sung by all)*



I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres-ence of ho - ly



an - gels. With-out mal - ice or jeal - ous-y, en - vy or fear, with-out



ter - ror of an - y-one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be - lov - ed to shield me.



O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my



neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the



brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love-li-est Ma - ry, from the



low - li - est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

(the people read the verses in bold print)

7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 **Who can tell how often he offends? ***
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my**
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #609 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of thy tears.

3. The cup of water given for thee
still holds the freshness of thy grace;
yet long these multitudes to see
the true compassion of thy face.

4. O Master, from the mountain side,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

5. till all the world shall learn thy love,
and follow where thy feet have trod;
till glorious from thy heaven above,
shall come the city of our God.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Fr. Náz Javier

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all)*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel and Rodney, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS: *Bill Millar, Gerry Lattuca, Marilyn Zembower.*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: Watch over your children, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: If I have wounded any soul today

Battersby/Gabriel

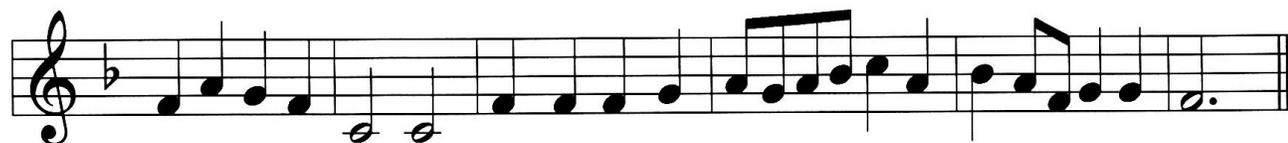
DOXOLOGY



With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and



share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est us thy - self in



Je - sus Christ thy Son, help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (*sung by all*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-
est, ho-san-na in the high-est

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Cantor or Choir and contains the following lyrics: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the" and "The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }". The second staff is for the Congregation and contains the following lyrics: "break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The" and "The dis -". The score includes a first ending for the Congregation and a second ending for the Cantor or Choir.

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -
Congregation
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
The dis -
known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

Cantor or Choir
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
Congregation
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord
Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.
Je - sus }

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Spirit of the living God (*see next page*)

Spi- rit of the liv- ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Spi- rit of the liv- ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spi- rit of the liv- ing God, Fall fresh on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #347 Go Forth for God

1. Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

2. Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

3. Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

4. Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of

Kurt Zintner Sr.

by Dorothy Zintner and the Zintner family.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE & VOLUNTEERS

Celebrant: Rev. Náz Javier

Lectors and Intercessor: Ken Longman, Lauren New, Maryann Cannon

Tech Team: Evan Dippre, Drew Dippre

Building Security: Alan Kiel, Lauren New

Altar Guild: Betty Cummings, Aylis Wolf (linens)

The altar candles for the month of September are given in loving memory of
Ruth Dorothy Griffin Iacullo & James C. Iacullo, Sr. by Jim Iacullo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us to Welcome Father Náz!

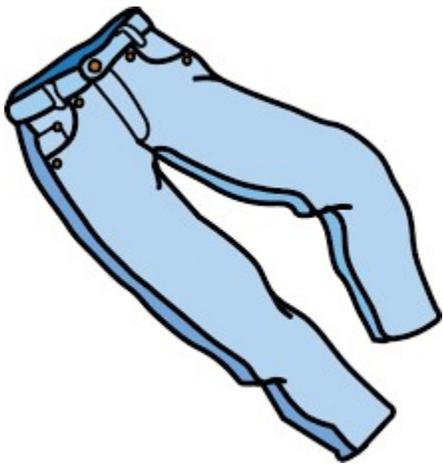
TODAY after the service, we will gather together for a simple brunch to welcome Rev. Náz Javier to the Church of the Advent.



We will sponsor our annual Fall Blood drive here at the Church on **Tuesday, October 5th** from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please consider donating. Alan Kiel is the point person for the drive and available at Eagles41-33@comcast.net.

COLLECTION FOR AFGHAN PEOPLE: Through **October 10th**, we will be joining the diocese in collecting the following items for distribution to Afghan persons arriving in the US. Please use the donation box in the narthex. Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

- Items for babies: Diaper cream, clothes, newborn hats and socks, diapers, wipes, and new pacifiers
- Children's clothes (long sleeves and pants)
- Towels
- **MEN'S CLOTHING-IMMEDIATE NEED*** (no shorts or tank tops)
- Women's clothing (mostly long sleeve but modest short sleeve is acceptable, no shorts, dresses or tank tops)
- Feminine hygiene products (no tampons)
- New modest underwear for adults and kids
- New socks for adults and kids
- Hats for all ages (cold weather and warm)
- Blankets (clean or new)
- Shoes (new or clean with very little wear)
- Toys (not battery operated)
- Balls
- Stuffed animals
- **NO GLASS ITEMS**, pillows
- Please no monetary donations, e.g. gift cards, cash, etc. Only items from the list please



The Deacons of the Diocese are conducting a “Blue Jean Drive”. Blue jeans are durable and in need by those who are without shelter. Churches are being asked to collect what we can so they can be delivered to those with the most need.

Needed:

- Clean, gently worn jeans.
- Those jeans that are in the back of the closet that you will never wear again.
- Brand new jeans.

A box is in the narthex for drop-off. Fr. Náz will work out the logistics of getting the donations dropped off for distribution.

Filling the Manger Report - August 2021

In August, Advent participated in another joint effort to assist a couple who became homeless, at least in part, due to COVID-related unemployment and a stalling of their unemployment benefits. The couple had a case manager; was working on the stalled Unemployment benefits that contributed to their homelessness; and were, of course, seeking permanent, affordable housing. Meantime, they had temporarily run out of options for their motel lodging; so Church of the Advent paid for five nights (at the very inexpensive rate of \$75 a night) and Willow Charitable Fund paid for ten more. Though we prefer to donate funds toward permanent housing, exceptions sometimes need to be made and are deeply appreciated by families that don't always know where they will lay their heads at night.

---submitted by Jan Lattuca



**Caring
for
Friends™**

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th:

There will be a Caring for Friends cook-in following the 9 am service. A sign up and details will follow next week.

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th: SOUP LUNCHEON!!



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