

# 5th after Pentecost, Proper 9

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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #11 - Awake, my soul, and with the sun

## Opening Acclamation

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

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

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

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na-tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed* Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Book of Genesis (24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67).

<sup>34</sup> So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup> The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

<sup>36</sup> And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was

old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup> My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup> but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’ <sup>42</sup> “I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup> I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ <sup>45</sup> “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ <sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup> Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.” <sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” <sup>59</sup> So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;

may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes.”

<sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the

Negeb. <sup>63</sup> Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and

looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And Rebekah looked up, and

when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup> and said

to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to

meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and

covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had

done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took

Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was

comforted after his mother’s death.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Response**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved speaks and says to me:  
    “Arise, my love, my fair one,  
    and come away;  
<sup>11</sup> for now the winter is past,  
    the rain is over and gone.  
<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
    the time of singing has come,  
    and the voice of the turtledove  
    is heard in our land.  
<sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
    and the vines are in blossom;  
    they give forth fragrance.  
    Arise, my love, my fair one,  
    and come away.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (7:15-25a).

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin

that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will  
rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus  
Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my  
flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

The Word of the Lord  
People  
Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #657 - Love divine, all loves excelling,

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(11:16-19,25-30).

Glory to you, Lord Christ

<sup>16</sup>“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting  
in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute  
for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a  
demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,  
‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’  
Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I  
thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have  
hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have  
revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious  
will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no  
one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father

except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 people stand, or kneel as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

BCP 389

### **Intercessor**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,  
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,  
O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For N. our Presiding Bishop, for N. (N.) our own Bishop(s), for all  
bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we  
pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our  
divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are  
one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community [especially \_\_\_\_\_ ], we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (blessed N.) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Collect**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*All say together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### **Absolution**

*Bishop or Priest*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through

our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant**            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The people sit.*

### **Our work this week**

*The Priest says*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

### **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 him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand, or kneel as they are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into

covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember \_\_\_\_\_.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN

*The People respond Amen.*

## Lord's Prayer

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

### *People and Celebrant*

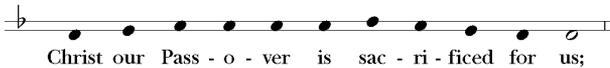
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #153*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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.

*All are invited to receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm, which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose not to receive your may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated.*

## Communion

*The Hymnal 1982 #328 - Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,*

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
 to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
 gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
 all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

### *Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing**

### *The Bishop or Priest says*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #646 - The King of love my shepherd is

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

### **People**

*Thanks be to God. - Alleluia*

## **Prayer List**

Sandy, Diane, Lisa, Ethan, Logan, and Emily, Joe, Bill, Chris, Brandon, Charles, Chuck, Matthew, Michael, Avery, Jimbo, Angie, Marcel, Tucker, Vivian and Family, James II and family, the Gaymens, James, Blake, Bailey and family, Melissa and Ben, Bath and Amy, Linda, Roland and Vivian Hughes, Friday Families, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name:

Those who have died:

## **Calendar**

7/9 5th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 9

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

7/11 6:30 pm Al Anon

7/14 6:00 pm Family Friday

7/16 6th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 10

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

## Worship Leaders

Date	Proper	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Inter-cessor
				Psalmist	
7/9	Pent 5 Proper 9	Eucharist	Liz	Bob	Bob
7/16	Pent 6 Proper 10	Eucharist	Liz	Ed	Bob
7/23	Pent 7 Proper 11	Eucharist	Beth	Liz	Beth
7/30	Pent8 Proper 12	Eucharist	Beth	Ed	Beth

# Acolytes

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st Server</b>	<b>2nd Server</b>	<b>People's Gift &amp; Alms</b>
7/9	Will	Emily	Belle
7/16	Emily	Belle	Amy
7/23	Belle	Amy	Will
7/30	Amy	Will	Emily

**Prayer List Request**

Please add the following to St Stephen's Prayer list:

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Please add \_\_\_\_\_ to St Stephen's  
remembrance of the dead (date of death: MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_)

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