Welcome to

CHRIST CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUG. 11, 2019—10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP – The "Black" Book of Common Prayer Hymnal – The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS – Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP - Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

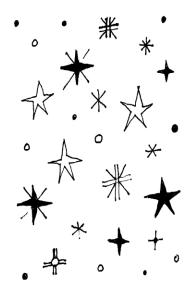
VF - Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

CH - Celebration Hymnal (Nondenominational)

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn

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Notes On This Sunday's Readings

Welcome to Christ Church. Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the Kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith, which we have in Christ. Our forbearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in remembering that God was faithful to our ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his Kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Morning has broken

HYMNAL 8*

Celebrant

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and people say

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Together, 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.

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

A Reading from the book of Genesis. (15:1-6)

¹The 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 Deus deorum

¹The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

- ³Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- ⁴He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 - those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- ⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.
- ⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * for I am God, your God.
- ⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * your offerings are always before me.
- ²³Consider this well, you who forget God, *
 - lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- ²⁴Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; * but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews. (11:1-3, 8-16)

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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."

¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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 people stand as they are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Rejoice, rejoice believers

HYMNAL 68

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹"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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit.

After the sermon, the people stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

Let us offer our prayers to God who has been pleased to give us the kingdom, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LEM:

For the Church, that God will renew and deepen our faith so that we may walk with God each step of our life's journey, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who have been given many gifts may be found faithful and bearing much fruit, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

For those who suffer from the power of nature, especially those whose lives are affected by drought, fire and floods, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

For all who are traveling, for those whose faith is tested, and for those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those on our Prayer List (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern*). We pray that God will sustain and strengthen them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

For all the departed. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud*). May they rejoice to see all they believe in and hoped for, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer*.

For all the blessings of this life. (The people may add petitions either silently or aloud).

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God*.

All: God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the heavens, empower our faith and hear our prayers, that we may live in the blessed expectation of your promises and be alert for you when you come to us at an unexpected hour, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant:

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY

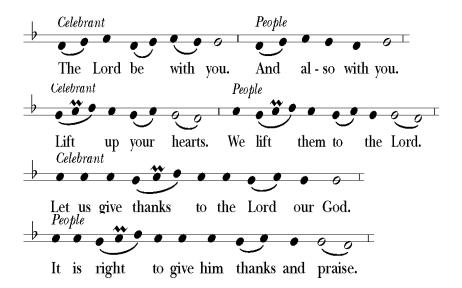
O Jesus, I have promised

HYMNAL 655*

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (THE DOXOLOGY)



The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching our Worship. An authorized supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)



You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

+ Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



The people remain standing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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.





COMMUNION NORMS--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup or you may dip the wafer into the cup. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.



THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, our help in ages past

HYMNAL 680*

THE DISMISSAL

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE



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