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**NINTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
August 7, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, Bishop

The Very Reverend Cori Olson, Rector – The Reverend Bob Sullivan, Deacon –
The Reverend April Alford-Harkey
The Reverend Charles Laskin David & The Reverend Sonley Joseph, Priests

Steve Ragsdale, Eucharistic Minister/Reader

MaryLu Wells, Reader

Pam Rush & Roxie Roberts, Ushers

Mary Nelson, Organist

James Balmer, Choir Director

Bama Lutes Deal, AVL Board

Christie Scalera, Vestry Person of the Day

9:45 a.m. – Your Favorite Hymns Hymn Sing!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Processional Hymn #473 – Lift High the Cross

“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.”

Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant 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, worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Hymn #421

All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven.

And God’s good will unfailingly be to all people given.

**We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you,**

Celebrant 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Genesis, chapter 15 verses 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**

Psalm 33:12-22 found on page 626 in the Book of Common Prayer

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews, chapter 11 verses 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.**

Gradual Hymn #691 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

[1] *"My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine."*

[2] *"May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire."*

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."

"The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ

[3] *While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside."*

The Sermon

The Reverend Bob Sullivan

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

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 Peter our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For *Clifford, Susan, Henrietta, Karen, Stefone, Mary Kay, Janet, Chuck, Hank, Elaine, Scott, Carole Ann, Dorothy, Margaret Ellen, Pam, Dominic, Mary & Laura, Nicole, Lucretia, Rod, Jose, Jean, Bev, Harriet, Linda, Sean, Mark, Joe & Sarah, Margaret, Geoff, Harriet M., Karen, Ginny, Ron, Debbie & Jim, Paul, Carol, Dick, John, Sue, Patricia, Maria & family, Doug.*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name forever and ever.

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

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.
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 Peace/Announcements/Welcome of Visitors

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn #671 – Amazing Grace

“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.”

Doxology: 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. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant & People – S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God
of power and might, heaven and earth
are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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*

The Breaking of the Bread – *silence is kept*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei – S164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant 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 #693 – Just as I Am

“Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

Day by Day - #654

“Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with 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 forever. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #335 – I Am the Bread of Life

“I am the bread of life; they come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them. And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

Dismissal

Announcements

Rev. Cori is on vacation through August 14th. For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Chuck at 561.573.3821 or Deacon Bob at 561.735.2252

St. Andrew's will be collecting donations of **school supplies** for the children of local schools during the months of July and August. Donations can be left in the big basket in the Narthex. Thank you!!

Please use the blue bulletin recycling bins located near the doors on your way out. Thanks! ♻️

“Instant Church Directory” is now available for your smartphone or computer. Please speak to Rev. Cori or Linda Sullivan after services and they will be happy to help you install this app.

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses are coordinated by Nora Williams. Please contact her if you would like to be part of this ministry. You can catch Nora after church or find her contact information in the Instant Church Directory.

[We now have **gluten free communion wafers** available. Please let the ushers know your choice.]

Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the community food box located on N. Palmway. If the box is full, items can be left in Frazell Hall.

Christian Education Opportunities - Bible Studies

Join Deacon Bob Sunday mornings, from 9-9:45 in Frazell Hall for a discussion on the readings of the day. Bible Study with Rev. Cori on Wednesday evenings via Zoom, is suspended for the month of August. It will resume in September.

The Daughters of the King have **Prayer Request** cards available in the Narthex and they are always accepting travel size toiletries (hairbrushes, small hand wipes, deodorant, and pocket Kleenex) for our guests at the Way Café.

Donations can be placed in the big basket in the Narthex.

We can also accept monetary gifts and envelopes for Daughters of the King are in the pews. Thank you!

Mon-Fri: Join Bama Lutes Deal, while Rev. Cori is on vacation, for Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. live on Facebook.