

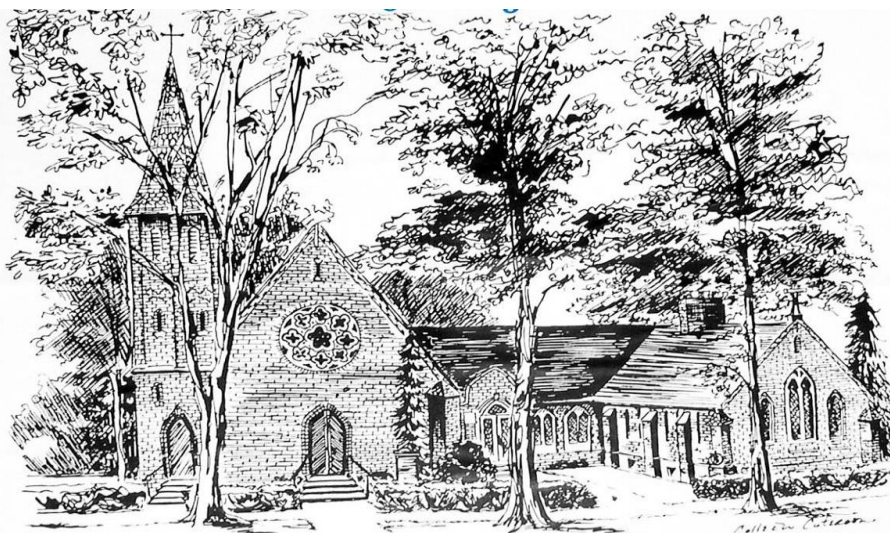
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Service of Morning Prayer

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday July 25, 2021

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:10am until 2:30pm Mon., Wed. &Thu.

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELL BY ORGAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts Traditional Shaker Melody

arr. Lani Smith

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Hymn 546 v 1-3

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE JUBILATE Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God:*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 145:10-19

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING - 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,*
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;*
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,*
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,*
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;*
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,*
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,*
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,*
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;*
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,*
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE EPISTLE READING - Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Song of the Redeemed Revelation 15:3-4

***O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?****

***for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,*
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

ORGAN MEDITATION *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face* by Lucy Ann Warriner

THE GOSPEL - John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

*He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*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 COLLECT OF THE DAY O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us turn in prayer to God who is near to those who call and whose bounty feeds all, saying *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that we may be open to God's generous love and be filled with gratitude for all the ways God has provided for us. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may entrust to God our needs, large and small, and rely on God's loving care for us. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who work to preserve the bonds of peace between nations, in communities, and in families, that all God's people may live in safety and security. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who bring food to our tables each day, for all those traveling and on vacation, and for those whose lives are threatened by storms, floods, and wildfires. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of South Africa in this time of violence, those in Europe who are victims of flooding, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, , that they may be filled with the fullness of God's strength and hope. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, , that they may firsthand the the love of Christ. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant God of glory, hear the prayers we offer this day, fill us with the love of Christ and stir us by his own example, that we may always be ready to offer the bread of our lives and share it generously with others, that every hunger of body and spirit may be satisfied. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

THE PARTING HYMN

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymn 455 v 1-4

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Beautiful Savior Traditional Silesian Melody

arr. Lani Smith

Officiant: Carol Marker

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Cathy Hammons