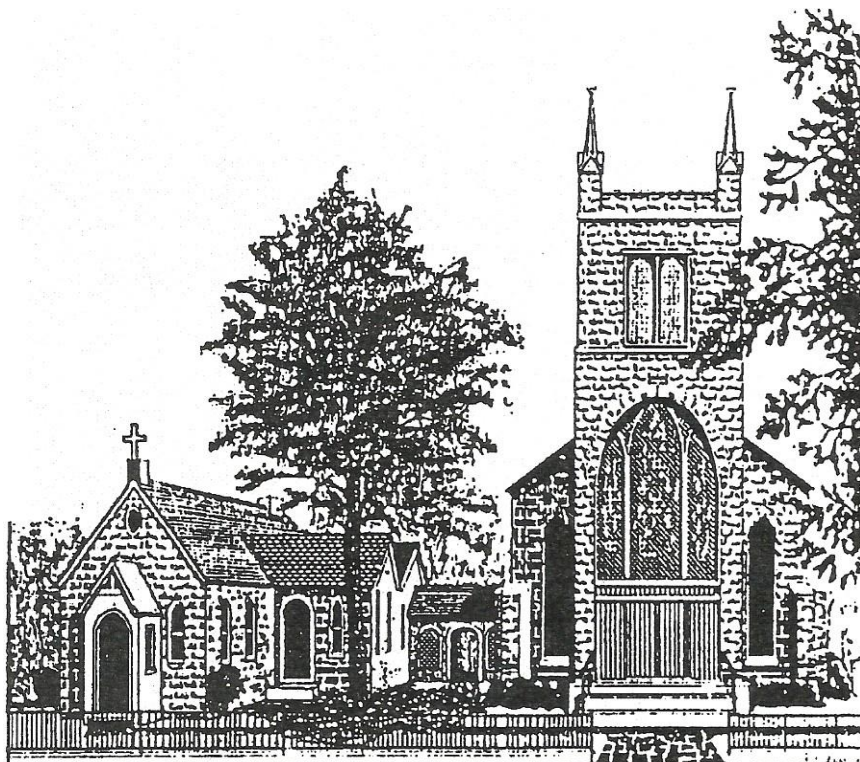


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The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 30, 2023
Holy Eucharist-Rite II
10:30 a.m.

Please make sure all phones and other electronic devices are turned off prior to the service.

Hymns and service music can be found in the following resources:

S - in the front of the Hymnal

H - in the Hymnal

W - in Wonder, Love, & Praise (on the end of each row)

LEV - in Lift Every Voice (on the end of each row)

We welcome The Rev. Jim Robertson back to our services today. Fr. Jim is from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and currently lives in Wilmington, DE.



Bishop Sally French will celebrate the Eucharist and Confirmation with us on Sept 10th. In preparation for this, a confirmation class for youth will be held on the following dates - July 31st, Aug 14th and Aug 28th at 6:30 pm in St. John's Parish Hall. Adult confirmands should contact Eileen Miller during office hours for their book to read. There will be a rehearsal for all confirmands on Sept 9th at 10 am. If you have any questions please call Deacon Sally at 856-297-2385.

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Prelude *Three Welsh Hymns* Settings by Wilbur Held
Aberystwyth – The Ash Grove – Cwm Rhondda

Processional Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* H-594
CWM RHONDDA

Opening Salutation BCP-355
The Collect for Purity BCP-355
Gloria in Excelsis Setting by Robert Powell S-280

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 Old Testament

Genesis 29:15-28

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages

be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 **Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 **Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 **O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 **He has always been mindful of his covenant, ***
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 **Which he established as a statute for Jacob, ***
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Break Thou the Bread of Life* LEV-213
BREAD OF LIFE

The Gospel *Please stand* Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to You Lord Christ

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to You Lord Christ

Sermon	The Rev. James Robertson
The Nicene Creed	BCP-358
Prayers of the People Form VI	BCP-392
The Peace	BCP-360
Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo “If With All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Me”
(From “Elijah”) Felix Mendelssohn

Presentation: H-380 (v. 3) OLD 100th

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP-361

Sanctus (sung) Setting by Robert Powell S-129

Acclamation Setting by William Clisham



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Amen Setting by McNeil Robinson II S-146

The Lord's Prayer BCP-364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP-364

Fraction Anthems

Christ Our Passover David Hurd S-154

Agnus Dei David Hurd S-161

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

WLP-764

(The Cantor will sing the verses; the people are invited to sing the Refrain.)

Prayer for Receiving Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

BCP-366

Retiring Procession

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

H-530

GOTT SEI DANK

The Dismissal

BCP-366

Organ Postlude

Cwm Rhondda

Setting by Paul Manz

The flowers on the altar today are given by Margaret Hancock in loving memory of husband Glen and son Doug

Parish Prayer List

Helen	Frances	Suzanne	Judy	Bill	Amy
George	Janice	Jim	Evan	Sally	Carol
Rich	Brenda	Joel	George	Jim	Gail
Karen	Eric	Francine	Joseph	Elaine	Julie
Joseph	Pat	Michele	Anna	Margaret	
The Kamera Family		Andrew & Judy		Bill	John
Liz	Joan				

Our military: Christine, Marlene, Joseph, Michael, Chris, David, Tyler, and Patrick



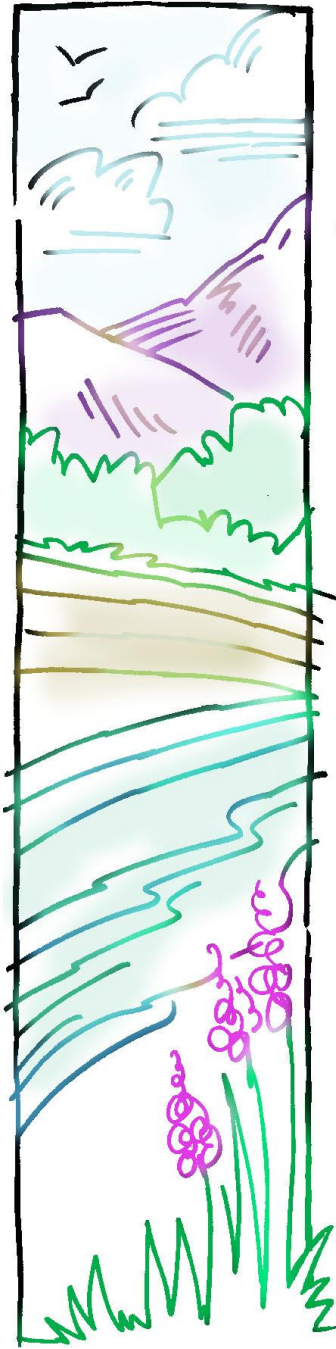
We have weeks open for Altar Flower dedications, starting in August. If we do not have dedications for a week, we will not have altar flowers. Please contact the office if you would like to place flowers on the altar one Sunday. You can place them in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for something, or 'just because'. The cost is \$50 for the 2 arrangements. We can also place a second set at the chancel steps if 2 families want the same day. Please indicate on your check or cash that it is for "Altar Flowers" and how you want the dedication to read in the bulletin. Thanks.

We appreciate the Participants in Today's Service:

Preaching & Presiding	The Rev. James Robertson
Assisting	The Rev. Sally Maurer, Deacon
Celebrants	The People of St. John's
Organist	Joanne Owen, Minister of Music Emerita
Cantor	Shane Gosdis, Tenor
Lector	Ann Neff
Acolytes	

This Week's Parish Calendar

- Sun. 7/30** **The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**
Fr. Jim Robertson, Celebrant
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Fellowship Hour
- Mon. 7/31** 1:00-3:00 pm SCOOA Matter of Balance class
- Tue. 8/1** 8:00 am Yoga
7:00 pm N.A.
- Wed. 8/2** Noon Noontday Prayer
1:00 pm MAC-Parish Hall
8:00 pm AA
- Thu. 8/3** 8:00 Yoga
1:00-3:00 pm SCOOA Matter of Balance class
- Sat. 8/5** 8:00-9:00 am Yoga
- Sun. 8/6** **The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**
8:00 am Morning Prayer I
10:30 am Morning Prayer II
Fellowship Hour Birthday Sunday



We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....

Romans 8:28

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