The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)
August 2, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn  
Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song  
Hymnal, 513

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove’s song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ’s Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the
chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and
wind’s rush, like the new flame’s ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Opening Acclamation  
Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

Officiant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
People  And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
The Collect for Purity *(in unison)*

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.

Canticle of Praise *Gloria in excelsis* *(in unison)*

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 of the Day

*Officiant*  The Lord be with you.  
*People*  And also with you.  
*Officiant*  Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**  
*Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled
with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7,16

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
give heed to my cry; *  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Epistle Reading  Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Lector  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev’d Deacon Lynn Grinnell

The Sermon

After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God’s word to us.

The Nicene Creed (in unison)  BCP, 358

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

Who or what can separate us from the love of Christ? Let our hearts now respond to such overwhelming love  
as we pray together in the Spirit, saying: Hear us, O Lord.

That God will renew the merciful covenant made with us in love, we pray in the Spirit: Hear us, O Lord.

That the ministers of the gospel may be people of genuine conversion and prophetic voice, particularly Justin,  
the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Steve, our priest; Lynn, our  
deacon; and all the faithful of St. James House of Prayer, we pray in the Spirit: Hear us, O Lord.

That the bread of life may be shared one day by all Christians at a common table of praise, we pray in the Spirit:  
Hear us, O Lord.

For those celebrating special days or special blessings, especially Frankie Dean and Becky Fisher as they  
celebrate their birthdays,  
we pray in the Spirit: Hear us, O Lord.
For the poor of our world, and for governments called to assist them in their need, we pray in the Spirit: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the sick and the suffering in our world, especially Fr. Al Chapman, Camden Agboglo, Betsy Chapman, Bernice Hodgins, Olive McDonald, Lydia Williams, Mitch Leggett, Vernescia Williams, Eugene Thomas, Steve Morse, Wayne Kennedy, Rhea Minnis, Pat Edwards, Kayla Rollock, Kenneth Rollock, Barbara Scotland, Maria & Kia, Tiphani and Lee Ann-Marie Greenlee we pray in the Spirit: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For those preparing for baptism, that they may hear the invitation of God to come to the waters of regeneration and there find abundant life, we pray in the Spirit: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the newly wedded couples in the community, for expectant parents, and for those who nurture children, that all may be fed at the breasts of a loving God and find strength in lives of service, we pray in the Spirit: *Hear us, O Lord.*

For the departed, that they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful, we pray in the Spirit: *Hear us, O Lord.*

O God, your loving care for us calls for our gratitude. Multiply once again your abundant mercy toward us; renew your covenant with us; and let our hearts overflow with godly love for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Rabbi and Lord, now and forever. *Amen.*

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Deacon* 
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon 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.*

*Officiant* 
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**

*Officiant* 
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* 
And also with you.

The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory. An anthem or music may follow.

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All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed. Gifts may be made on the parish website, sjhoptpa.org, or by texting sjhop to 73256, or by postal mail to: 

*St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church* 
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The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 SENDING OUT OF THE LORD’S PEOPLE

The Blessing (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond,amen.)

Closing Hymn  Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  Hymnal, 410

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The Dismissal

Deacon    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People    Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please remember in your prayers:

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