

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost:

Proper Twelve

July 25, 2021—10:00 am

Prelude

Sacred Medley

Manalo/Schutte

Opening Hymn

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Hymn #404

- 1 We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord;
your holy Name for ever be adored;
each day we live our psalm to you we raise;
you, God and King, are worthy of all praise,
great and unsearchable in all your ways.
- 2 Age shall to age pass on the endless song,
telling the wonders which to you belong,
your mighty acts with joy and fear relate;
praise we your glory while on you we wait,
glad in the knowledge of your love so great.
- 3 You, Lord, are gracious, merciful to all,
close to your children when on you they call;
and slow to anger, merciful and kind,
in your compassion we your blessings find.
We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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 Deo (*Spoken*)

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 Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson (*Seated*)

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.**

Psalm 145:10-19

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

The Second Lesson

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.**

Gradual Hymn

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace

Hymn #627

- 1 Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
 our path when wont to stray;
 stream from the fount of heavenly grace,
 brook by the traveler's way;
- 2 bread of our souls, whereon we feed,
 true manna from on high;
 our guide and chart, wherein we read
 of realms beyond the sky;
- 3 pillar of fire, through watches dark,
 and radiant cloud by day;
 when waves would whelm our tossing bark,
 our anchor and our stay;

The Holy Gospel

John 6:1-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gradual Hymn *Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace*

Hymn #627

4 word of the ever-living God,
 will of his glorious Son;
 without thee how could earth be trod,
 or heaven itself be won?

5 Lord, grant us all aright to learn
 the wisdom it imparts;
 and to its heavenly teaching turn,
 with simple, childlike hearts.

Sermon The Rev. Michael Way

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 *(Standing)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Reverend Hewitt V. Johnston and the Reverend Terry L. Martin.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We especially pray for all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery;
And to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially our sick: John, Laurie, Walter, John, Liam, Maryellen, Jeff, Martin, Kathleen, Neil, Bob, William, Sandra, Richard, Rosemary, Fred, and Nancy;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Joyce Johnson, Rick Hartswell and Paul Zaccaria.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence. Minister and People say

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 Priest stands and says

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.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays Kristina McKinley, Cindy Oliveri , Sarah Noecker , Sydney Sparaco, Jim Cusick, Ryan Carl and Diane Lynch

Anniversaries None this week

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

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

Glory to you for ever 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:

Sanctus (*Spoken*)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant says

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 all 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 and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant says

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. Remember this is God's table, not ours, and all are welcome to receive.

The Communion

All are welcome and encouraged to partake of Holy Communion.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord of the Holy Sacrament, I wish to possess You in spirit. Jesus, come to me, since I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.

Music during the Communion

I am the bread of life

Suzanne Toolan

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 (*standing*)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; grace to risk something big for something good; grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.

So, may God take your minds and think through them.

May God take your lips and speak through them.

May God take your hearts and set them on fire. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (*Standing*) *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Hymn #559

- 1 **Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.
- 2 **Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;**
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.
- 3 **Spirit of our God, descending,**
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Dismissal (*Standing*)

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia,
 Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go

Scott Soper

SERVING OUR WORSHIP

Celebrant

The Rev. Michael Way

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Bickerton

Guest Pianist

Mari Jo PolICASTRO

Altar Guild

Joyce Friedersdorff, Sue Murphy, Judy Forys and Vicky Mariocca

Lectors

Peggy Noecker and Sarah Noecker

Ushers

Al Lynch and Bill Moitz

Those for Whom we Pray

For Healing John Balme, Laurie Schlachter, Walter Drake, John Sottile, Liam, Neil O'Connor, Bob Schuler, William Eugene Hahl, Richard Biernacki, Rosemary Darben, Fred Hartswell, Nancy Schlachter

For Friends and Family Jeff Nash, Maryellen S., Martin Spindell,, Kathleen Gardell, Anita McDaniel, Glenn, Sandra Noecker, Mary Balme, Francesca DeGeorgio-Matusewski, Theresa Juskiewicz, Sydney D., Dylan D., Greg Wolf, Carmen Holmstrom, Steve Brody, Cali Gehm, Fabiola Resto, Ingrid Perilloux, Asiyat Aral, Joyce Johnson, Erna Lindoerfer, Lilly, Sawyer Hines, Darleen Colgan, Sami, Ellen, Elena, Michael A., Mike Szoke Sr., Emily Straniero

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Revs: Hewitt V. Johnston & Terry L. Martin

Birthdays

Kristina McKinley(7/24), Cindy Oliveri (7/24), Sarah Noecker (7/25), Sydney Sparaco (7/26), Jim Cusick (7/26), Ryan Carl (7/26) and Diane Lynch (7/27)

Anniversaries

None this week

In Memoriam

Joyce Johnson, Rick Hartswell and Paul Zaccaria

Christ Church Announcements for the week of July 24, 2021

The Church Office is open by appointment only, however, emails and phone messages will continue to be checked regularly. Please contact Father Michael directly in the event of a pastoral emergency.

Summer Outreach Opportunity

ASLAN Youth Ministries provides various summer camp opportunities in Asbury Park, Long Branch, and Red Bank for children in need. Christ Church has volunteered to provide approximately 75 lunches for these children on Wednesday, August 4th. If you can help by providing supplies for the lunches please contact Lauren Badal at (732)842-5192 or Erna Sottile at (732) 241-2342. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!!!

Lunch supplies: Bread , Peanut butter, jelly, turkey, American cheese, ziplock sandwich bags, napkins, fruits(clementines , mixed fruit cups or apple sauce. Cups), 100% juice boxes and individual bags of chips.

If you would like to help but are unable to shop we will do the work for you. Please make checks out to Christ Church with 'ASLAN lunches' on the memo line or donate online (visit <https://christchurchmiddletown.org/donate> and select Outreach Aslan lunches). Any unused money will be donated to ASLAN to help offset the cost of running the camps. Thank you!

Christmas in July Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas in July celebration. Once again Christ Church showed what a loving and caring congregation it is. Although back to school supplies may not be exciting, it was obvious from your donations that a lot of time and effort was put into your choices. On behalf of the children served by St Mark's, thank you!

Coffee Hour

Please sign up to host a coffee hour this summer. We are keeping it simple for the summer. Tables will be set up in the Undercroft and all you have to do is put out cups and the lemonade and iced tea, which will be in the kitchen refrigerator. Snacks are not needed, but if you are so inclined to provide them then please individually wrap each serving. All weeks in August are in need of a host. The sign up sheet is in the Undercroft or you can call or email Lauren Badal or Vicki Schmelzer.

Finally First Fridays!

Summer is here and so is the return of First Fridays! Start your weekend off with some FUN and FELLOWSHIP!! Tasty tidbits and cool drinks will be provided.

Where: the lawn in front of the church offices or in the Summer Lounge if the weather is inclement.

When: August 6th 5:30-7:00 PM

Christ Church Prayer Shawl/Crafters Ministry Meeting Schedule

Beginning July 21st we will be meeting every other Wednesday in room 118 at 10 am. We will focus on creations made with prayers to show our love for our neighbors who are in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy.

Join us as we pray and create and explore this type of contemplative practice.

If you have any questions or would like to know when our next meeting is, please contact Tia LaPiana, tiasemail16@gmail.com.

The Christ Church Cycle of Prayer

Each day during our Morning Prayer service we will pray for a few parishioners by name. This way, our entire parish will be prayed for by name at least once each year. Parishioners prayed for this week:

Monday: Bob, Kim & Anna Schuler; Robin Simunovich

Tuesday: Victor, Ginny, Jordan & Ryan Sisolak; Erna & Vincent Sottile

Wednesday: Peter, Kristin, Dylan, Sydney & Zackary Sparaco; George Speidel

Thursday: Herb, Germania, Christian & Daniel Spaulding ; Brian, Cheryl & Emily Strom

Friday: Jason, Sharon & Hope Stypinski; Katie Tammaru; Pascaline Tran

Updated In Person Guidelines

Please refer to Father Michael's letter to see our updated procedures. A copy of the letter can be found on our website by clicking here [Fr. Michaels Letter](#).