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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, September 29, 2024
8:30 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

ENTRANCE HYMN *He Has Made Me Glad*

Words & Music by Leona Von Brethorst

♩ = 120

VERSE

G/A A¹³ D G G[♯]7 D/A D G



I will en-ter His gates with thanks- giv-ing in my heart; I will en-ter His courts with

4 A⁷ G/A A¹³ D G G[♯]7 D/A F[♯]/A[♯] Bm Bm⁷



praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I

CHORUS

7 Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D D G D/A Bm Bm⁷



will re-joyce for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I

11 1. Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D A⁷/E D/F[♯] 2. Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D



will re-joyce for He has made me glad. will re-joyce for He has made me glad.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they

come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸ Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; *
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; *
your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can tell how often one offends? *
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, *
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

The people sit.

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Lord Listen to Your Children*
Words & Music by Ken Medema

CHORUS

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: *Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing;*
 Chords: D, D⁷, C/G, G, A⁷

Staff 2: *Lord, send Your Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren*
 Chords: D, G/D, D, E⁷, A⁷, D, D⁷

Staff 3: *pray - ing; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*
 Chords: C/G, G, G^{#7}, D/A, A⁷, G, D/F#, Em⁷, D

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water

to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Reverend Lisa Aguilar

THE CREED

All stand.

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

All remain standing.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers; We pray especially for: John, Recia, Jim, Judy, Joey, Sadie, Evelyn, Irene, Barbara, Marge, Jami, Susie, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Ann, Bill, Laura, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jaxon, Jean, Lorraine, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, Dick, Ben, and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

Lord Jesus Christ you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the
Lord.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Kristie Briggs, Tom Arnold, Gaye Homer, Matt Johnson, and Peg Pearson

Anniversaries: Angie & Hondo Gallegos

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

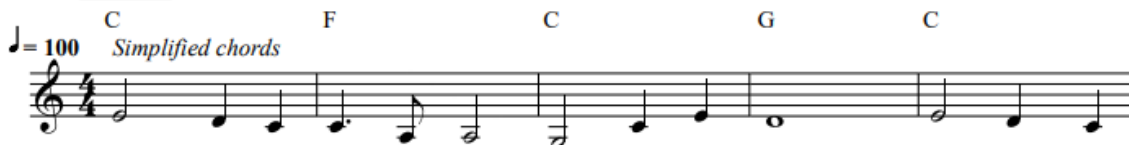
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Nearer My God to Thee*

Words by Sarah Fuller Flower Adams; Music by Lowell Mason

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 100$ *Simplified chords*



1. Near er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee, e'en though it
2. Though like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down, dark - ness be
3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heav'n; All that Thou
4. Then, with my wak - ing tho'ts bright with Thy praise, out of my
5. Or, if on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky, sun, moon, and

6 F C/G G C C F/C C C F/C

be a cross that rais - eth me! Still all my song shall be: Near - er, my
 o - ver me, my rest, a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be near - er, my
 send - est me, in mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck - on me near - er, my
 ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise; So, by my woes, to be near - er, my
 stars for - got, up - ward I fly, still all my song shall be: Near - er, my

CHORUS

C G C F C/G G C

12 *Fine*

God, to Thee. Near - er, my God, to Thee, near - er to Thee.
 God, to Thee.
 God, to Thee.
 God, to Thee.
 God, to Thee.

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The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

People: Glory to you for ever and ever

Celebrant

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.

People: By your will they were created and have their being

Celebrant

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.

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

Celebrant

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.

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

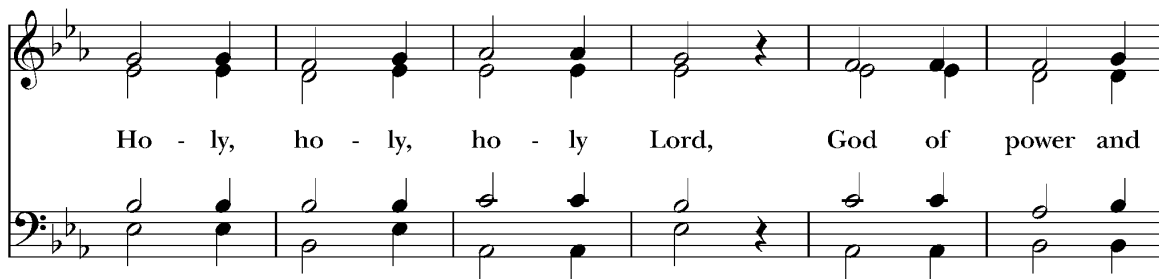
Celebrant

And therefore we praise you, joining our voices 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:

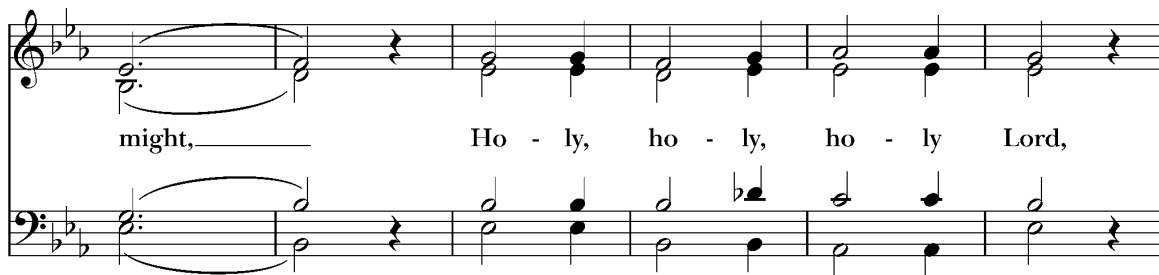
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy


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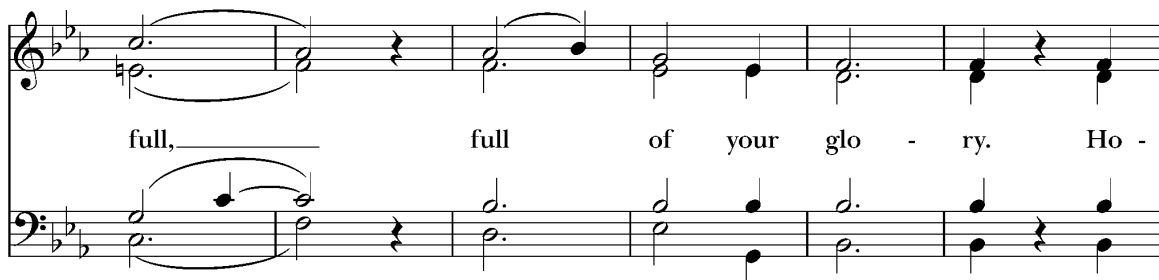
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel, then 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.

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,

People: 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.

People: 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.

People: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

COMMUNION HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

Words translated by Mary E. Byrne; Music arr. by David Moore & Lauren Moore



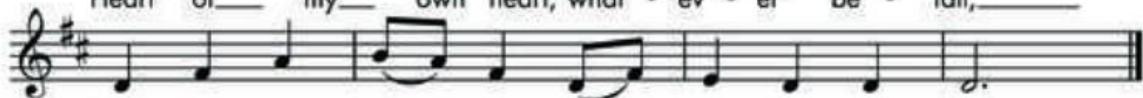
1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav en's Sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Savior; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *On Eagle's Wings* WLP 810

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a - bide in His shad - dow for
life, Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn with lyrics and guitar chords: G, Dmaj7, G. The second staff contains the second line of the hymn with lyrics and guitar chords: Dmaj7, F, Dm, F, Gm, A.

Chorus:

A7 **D**
 And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

Em **A7** **D** **D7**
 Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine — like the

G **Em** **A** **Bm** **F#m**
 sun, — And hold you in — the —

Em **A7** **1-3 D**
 palm — of His hand. —

G **Dmaj7**
 2. The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And

G **Dmaj7** **F**
 fam - ine will bring you no fear: — Un - der His wings your

Dm **F** **Gm** **A**
 ref - uge, — His faith - ful - ness — your shield.

D **G** **Dmaj7** *(Chorus)*
 3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the

G **Dmaj7** **F**

ar - row that flies by day: _____ Though thou - sands fall a -

Dm **F** **Gm** **A**

bout you, _____ Near you it shall not come.

D **G** **Dmaj7** *(Chorus)*

4. For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand to

G **Dmaj7** **F**

guard you in all of your ways; _____ Up - on their hands they will

Gm **Am** **Bb** **A**

bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *(Chorus)*

4. **D** **Bm** **F#m** **Em7** **A** **D**

hand. _____ And hold you hold you in the palm _____ of His hand. _____

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE *Instrumental*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for Episcopal Relief and Development

In September, our Special Collection benefits Episcopal Relief and Development or ERD, the organization within the broader Episcopal Church working for lasting change around the globe. Each year ERD, along with supporters and partners, facilitates healthier and more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people suffering from poverty, disaster, and disease.

In August, we raised \$490.00 for the Benedictine Way and Incarnation Monastery. A big Thank You to everyone!

Instructed Eucharist (and first youth and children's Sunday)

TODAY, 8:30 and 10:30

TODAY, we'll celebrate an Instructed Eucharist. We have done this regularly at St Augustine's as a chance to go through our worship service a bit more carefully, with our clergy commenting on the purpose and meanings of our prayers and traditions as we go. Our goal is to enter into the joy of a richer understanding of our weekly rhythms, and to open a space of curiosity where we can literally ask questions during church about why we do what we do. This is a great chance to bring a friend to church who might be curious about what worship is like in Episcopal Churches, either as a visitor or as someone who might be looking for a church home and want to know more about how we pray!

It is also the first "Last Sunday of the Month" in our program year (from September to May), so our youth and children will be present at the 10:30 worship service (which is part of why we timed the Instructed Eucharist for that day). Kids will be very welcome to come to the front for a good view and a good chance to learn! Otherwise, please be kind with the children of our church community as they learn how to be at worship with their families

— we might have a bit of extra rustling and chatter as they learn how to pay attention in church over the year, but how we welcome them is a powerful sign that this is a place they belong, and where they can grow in their faith and love of God and neighbor as we help raise them into young adulthood.

We Started Something Good!

Great news! Last year we began a new ministry to provide families with milk. Using seed money from DioNeb and in partnership with Hy-Vee, St. A's own "Dough Boys" have delivered more than 1,450 gallons of milk to the Christian Outreach Program of Omaha (COPE). Since the initial drive, this program has been picked up with momentum with other churches joining in the effort! Way to go, guys!

Stewardship this October

This coming October, we'll have our annual Stewardship Campaign around "time, talent, and treasures" that we pledge back to God in thanksgiving. On Sunday, October 6th, we'll have a "treasure" Sunday, talking about our Finance Committee's and Vestry's planning for the stability and growth of our church, and introducing the campaign. Sunday, October 13th will focus on the call to use our "time" as the community of St Augustine's, and Sunday, October 20th will be dedicated to the "talents" we have and the ways we can offer them throughout our lives. Stewardship invitation letters, pledge cards, and materials for the campaign will be distributed on October 6th and by mail, and we will have an ingathering of our pledges and celebration coffee hours after church on **October 27th**. Please join us in early prayers for the stewardship we take up together!

Noon Bible Study for October and November

Tuesdays at Noon

Thanks to everyone who participated in our September Tuesday Bible Study on the Letter of James! Many who attended voiced gratitude that it connected to our Sunday morning lectionary (the schedule of weekly readings), so Mtr Lisa and Fr Ben have decided to continue that connection in October and November.

October: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. This letter from Paul to early Hebrew communities is important both for how its theology and witness describe Jesus within the vision of previous scriptures as a high priest and messiah, and because it raises lots of questions — from then and now — about how followers of Jesus and the continuing Jewish tradition relate to each other.

Mother Lisa will be leading these classes on **October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th** (skipping the 22nd for the meeting of the Elaine Randall Book Club).

November: the Book of Ruth. The Hebrew Bible ("Old Testament") book of Ruth is the story of a widowed foreigner who cares for her family, and becomes an ancestor of the line of David. We'll discuss this window into both human relationships of its time and how God draws leaders and saviors from among the unexpected. Fr Ben will lead classes on **November 5th, 12th, and 19th.**

Pet Blessing and Celebration of Creation

Wednesday, October 2, 5:45 PM,

(Join us for Burgers & Hot Dogs)

We will offer a chance to have our pets blessed on **Wednesday evening,**

October 2. Please load up your pets and feel free to join us in some holy chaos as we gather for dinner (and pet treats) and bless our animal friends.

After dinner, our own Pam Eby will put on her Zoo Educator hat and bring out some materials to help draw us into awe and wonder at our job as stewards of God's creation. In addition, this year, we'll have some small animals from Town and Country Animal Rescue who are available to adopt. Town and Country is also always looking for help fostering animals, so if this is something that has been on your heart, they'd be a great resource for any questions you may have. This is a great event for the young and the young at heart. Please join us, and feel free to bring friends! RSVP's to Kate are helpful just to get a sense of numbers, but we'll plan for plenty of food and friends!

Our Outreach Committee would also love to use this opportunity to collect pet food to be donated to Town and Country Animal Rescue, so if you are able, please bring some with you that night. If you won't be there, but would still like to make a donation, please check out their Amazon Wishlist, Chewy Wishlist, or donate money by using their website <https://town-andcountryanimalrescue.org/donate>

Fall Garden Cleanup!

Saturday, October 19th from 8 am to Noon

Please join us on Saturday morning, **October 19th**, to help clean up and take care of our beautiful gardens around St Augustine's. You're welcome to come early or join later and work for an hour or the morning with us. Garden Steward Jim Keepers will have jobs for all skill levels and ages, from picking up sticks to weeding and pruning to shoveling, carting, and spreading mulch around our plants. There will be snacks on hand for helpers!

Want to help, but not available that morning? Contact Jim at jlkeepers45@gmail.com. Youth needing service hours can submit time sheets to Jim or Kate Kielion.

Elaine Randall Book Club

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All Are Welcome! In October we will be reading Joe Starita's *A Warrior of the People* about Susan La Flesche, America's first Native American doctor. La Flesche earned her medical degree in March of 1889, more than three decades before women could vote or Native Americans were recognized as citizens of the United States. She spent the rest of her life caring for and working to improve the lives of indigenous people including the 1,244 who would become her patients. A book bag is available this month (NB: Starita is donating all the royalties earned from purchases of this book to a scholarship fund he created for Native American high school graduates). Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 22 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

Save the date for COPE's first every Little Black Dress Event Girls Night Out!

Tickets will be available soon for the Little Black Dress Event **on October 24** at A Venue on the Ridge (20033 Elkhorn Ridge Dr, Elkhorn, NE 68022) from **6:00 to 9:00 PM**. Aimed toward the ladies, and evening of appetizers, drinks and basket auction. The Basket auction will be going on the week prior, and will be concluded at the event. (Saint A's has 4 baskets in the auction !!) Only a limited number of tickets will be available, so make your plans now. Contact Rhonda Vest for details.

Save the date for St. A's Annual Chili Cook-off and Mystery

Get ready for a sizzling night of suspense and spice at *Chills & Thrills: Murder Mystery and Chili Cook-Off!* As the tantalizing aroma of secret chili recipes fills the air, a chilling crime unfolds. Guests will compete to win the coveted title of Best Chili while also piecing together clues to solve a puzzling murder. Was it the competitive chef with a fiery temper, or the charming stranger with a hidden past? Everyone's a suspect—and the heat's on in more ways than one. Join us for a night of mystery, delicious chili, and a dash of danger!

Join us for an evening of Murder Mystery, fellowship, fantastic food, and friendly competition. Desserts and Drinks will be provided by the Parish Life Committee, ensuring a delightful experience for everyone.

Interested in starring in the murder mystery (don't worry - you don't have to memorize your lines!) email Julie at virtualofficejulie@gmail.com

The fun happens on **November 10th beginning at 5PM!**

Interested in Making Chili for the Cook-off?

Whether you're a seasoned chef or a kitchen maverick, we want you to showcase your chili prowess. Sign up individually or assemble your dream team for a chance to claim the coveted traveling chili trophy. Themes and costumes are optional but highly encouraged for an extra dose of FUN! Sign up individually or as a team by contacting [Kate](#). Don't miss out on the gastronomic event of the year!

Volunteer to Help with Church Family Dinners!

Many of you have come to enjoy a Wednesday night dinner here at church over the past year. This year, we're asking you to help us set up, cook & clean up dinner. Parish Life has set up a sign-up sheet with a basic dinner plan for each evening in the hope that we have members who would enjoy cooking part, or all of the main meal, either here or at home to be brought in. The church can reimburse for food you purchase (we will have a limit per 20 servings). We didn't leave out our friends who can't cook, you can head in early to chop and set up, or stay late for clean up! We really love spending this fellowship time with you, but know it isn't sustainable without a bit of extra help, so please prayerfully consider looking at the sign up and lending a hand. You can sign up digitally (link in the newsletter), or you may sign up in person in the Parish Hall!

Car Seat Donations?

Fr Joseph Alaak at St Martha's Episcopal Church in Papillion is collecting good-condition car seats for newly arrived Dinka refugee families connected to the worshipping congregation at St Martha's. The primary need is for children about 3-6 years old, although they need a few infant-range car seats as well. If you have a lead or would like to coordinate a donation, please contact Fr Joseph at jalaak01@gmail.com, or bring your car seat to church and we will coordinate getting it there.

September Vestry Notes

Our Vestry (the parish board) met on September 15th. We reviewed our regular financial reports and minutes from the August meeting. Some notable details: **Julie Pendegrift** has stepped back as our Outreach Committee Chair as she anticipates a busy fall of family activities, and **Gabe Early** has stepped in as an interim Chair until our Annual Meeting. Please thank Julie as you see her, for all the work she's helped lead over her time as Outreach Chair! Our treasurer, Maggie Wellman, also reported out that — after Vestry approval in August — we will complete moving our capital campaign financing fund from Security National Bank to an account at AIB (where our other accounts are held) — while it was "best practices" to keep our loan accounts separated from our general accounts while managing a commercial note with SNB, this consolidation will ease admin and accounting for us going forward. The Vestry also reviewed ongoing projects around our website and some welcome materials, and upcoming events and projects for the fall including outreach offerings, our stewardship campaign details, and Wednesday evening programs. We also discussed that we are in a season of many visitors, who we are welcoming to our church family.

Save The Date

Sunday, Sept. 29

**Youth Sunday
Instructed Eucharist**

Tuesday, Oct. 1

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 2

Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, Oct. 3

Sacred Ground

Friday, Oct. 4

Men's Bible Study

Monday, Oct. 7

Daughters of the King

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Wednesday Family Dinner
Communion Class
Youth Group
Episcopal 101
Canterbury Choir Rehearsal
Joyful Noise Rehearsal**

Thursday, Oct. 10

Sacred Ground

Friday, Oct. 11

Men's Bible Study

**Thurs., Oct 24 –
Sat. Oct. 26**

**Annual Council
Hastings, NE**

Sunday, Oct. 27

Stewardship Ingathering

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Boo Bash!

Ministers of the Day	This Week 09/29/2024	Next Week 10/06/2024
Musicians 8:30am:	Joyful Noise Band	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Mary Norton	Carole Seitz
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Pam Wright	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Truman Stubbendieck Cash Stubbendieck Josie Aguilar	Danica Suhr, Gage Suhr, Nathan Pasko
10:30 am Greeter:	Vicky Luther	Mike Ehinger
8:30 am Lector:	Barb Alf	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector	Jean Lahti	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Vicki Luther	Barb DiGiovanni
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Dave Wright Erin Vest	Rich Hill Ali Threlkeld