

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
9th Sunday after Pentecost – July 25, 2021**

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Opening Sentence

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *John 10:27*

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

**Praise the one who breaks the Darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.**

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The Proclamation of the Word: 2 Samuel 11.1–15

Psalm 14

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

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.

Ephesians 3.14–21

John 6.1–21 A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

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.**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

**Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Saviour of us all.**

**O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek;
to those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek.**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is none but the lovers know.**

**Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.**

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The Prayer of the People (see litany below and...)

Parish Prayer cycle: Dan & Cindy Harbottle, Paul & Kathy Flewelling

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, Tom.

We continue to pray for the front line workers who serve in the midst of this pandemic and our Archbishop, Anne. Pray for our Territorial Archdeacons, Regional Deans, and Lay Deanery Officials in support of their ongoing responsibilities within the deaneries and to the Executive Committee of the Diocese. Pray for all members of our Executive Committee as they contemplate and deliberate over matters for the well-being of the entire diocese. We also pray for the congregation at the Church of the Ascension and the Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut, interim priest.

Prayers of the People - Litany # 2 (Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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 Lord's prayer

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ open every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

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Final Blessing & Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**

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