

# Order of Service: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

**Prelude** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey arr. Brent Edstrom  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## Collect for Purity *(people muted)*

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.**

## Hymn *Shall we gather at the river*

Robert Lowry

*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*



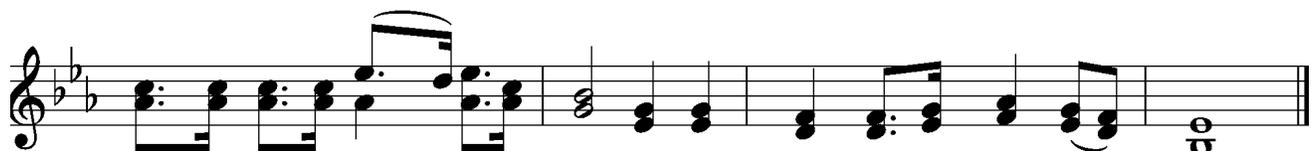
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray; —
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease; —



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

**Collect of the Day** (*people muted*)

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

– Prayer for the Human Family (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 815*)

**A Reading** *Isaiah 55:1-5 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Let America Be America Again by Langston Hughes (CBS News video)

*The Biblical psalms are the prayers of the people of Israel. For our Season of Deconstructing Racism, our psalms will poems, reflections, and songs that are the prayers of our communities of color now.*

**Epistle** Kay Lindahl's Letter to the Church (*people muted*)

*Kay Lindahl has been a member of the Episcopal Church for nearly 60 years, at St. Luke's since 2005, and is an Honorary Canon of our Diocese. She has been actively engaged in interfaith work for nearly 30 years. Kay consults and teaches how to prepare to listen and is the author of *The Sacred Art of Listening*. She is an 82-year-old white woman.*

**Anthem** *Make us one*

Twila Paris  
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Make us one, make us one  
Make us one, undivided body  
Make us one, make us one  
For the sake of Your name make us one

Make us love, make us love  
Make us love so the world will know we love You  
Make us love, make us love  
For the sake of Your name make us love

Make us pure, make us pure  
Make us pure and righteous. make us holy  
Make us pure, make us pure  
For the sake of Your name make us pure

Make us one, make us one  
Make us one, undivided body  
Make us one, make us one  
For the sake of Your name make us one  
For the sake of Your name till You come  
For the sake of Your name make us one

**The Gospel** *Matthew 14:13-21 (people muted)*

*Celebrant* 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *(people muted)*

*Silence follows the sermon.*

The Rev. Nancy Frausto

**Musical Reflection** *Like Always*

Eric Wallace

## **Affirmation of Faith: Our Creed**

Justo Gonzalez

*(people muted)*

**We believe in God, the Father almighty;  
Creator of the heavens and the earth;  
Creator of all peoples and all cultures;  
Creator of all tongues and races.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Beloved Son;  
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,  
God made flesh in an age for all ages,  
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,  
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
through whom God became incarnate in Jesus Christ,  
in whom God is present in our peoples and in our cultures;  
through whom, God the Creator of all that exists  
gives us power to become new creatures;  
the Spirit's infinite gifts make us one people,  
the Body of Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Church universal  
because it is a sign of God's Reign;  
whose faithfulness is shown in many hues,  
where all colors paint a single landscape,  
where all tongues sing God's praise.**

**We believe in the Reign of God—the day of the Great Fiesta,  
when all creation's colors  
will form a harmonious rainbow;  
when all the peoples will join in joyful banquet,  
when all tongues of the universe  
will be united in one choir of praise.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves  
to believe for those who do not believe,  
to love for those who do not love,  
to dream for those who do not dream,  
until what we expect becomes a reality. Amen.**

## **Anthem** *Sing Community, Sing Peace*

Mark Hayes

Sister, brother, live in harmony.  
Same and other, live in harmony.  
Human fam'ly, in choirs for all to hear and see,  
Sing community, sing peace.

Simple song, sacred call;  
dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all.  
Against the silence, against the shouting,  
dare to sing and live in peace and love for all.

With your neighbor, live in harmony.  
With the stranger, live in harmony  
With the refugee, in choirs for all to hear and see,  
Sing community, sing peace.

Simple song, sacred call;  
dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all.  
Against the silence, against the shouting,  
dare to sing and live in peace and love for all.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader:* In hope that the arc of history bends toward justice, we lift up our prayers for healing, saying: Bind us together, O God of love.

For the Church, that its prophetic voice and action may proclaim and claim the challenge to deconstruct racism breaking the hopeless cycles of poverty, ignorance, prejudice, and despair which degrade the sacred dignity of humankind, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For the wonder of creation, that we might use its resources rightly in the service of others and to the Glory of God, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For our country, that we might celebrate our racial diversity and the distinctive and rich contributions of every fiber of our cultural fabric, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For wise and decisive action on the part of local and national leaders, that the scandal of racism might be eradicated from our society, and equity and justice established as the law of the land, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For a reimagining of economic, political, and social systems that have resulted in the disproportionate suffering and death of people of color throughout our history and as revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering; for the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or aloud*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

For all who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints, we pray:

*Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts*

**Bind us together, O God of love.**

*Presider:* God of love, You created every human being in your image and you command us to love each other as you love us. Hear our prayers as we come before you, and inspire us to “do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.” **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The Litany of Reconciliation, based on the seven cardinal sins, was written in 1958 by Canon Joseph Poole, the first Precentor of the rebuilt Coventry Cathedral, which had been destroyed in World War II. This Litany is prayed every Friday in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral before the charred cross.*

*Presider:* All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. And so, as a community and as individuals, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women and children,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
**Merciful God, forgive.**

*Presider:* Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. And may 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.**

**Anthem** *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck  
Malek Sammour, Soloist

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis

*May the Bread of Angels become break for  
mankind The Bread of Heaven puts an end to all  
symbols Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the  
Lord will nourish The poor, the poor, the servile  
and the humble The poor, the poor, the servile  
and the humble*

*As we pray the words of The Great Thanksgiving, know that we all are woven together in the Body of Christ as the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood unites us in heart and spirit.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** (*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** (*people unmuted*)

**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.**

As this broken bread was scattered over the mountains,  
And was gathered together to become one,  
So let Your Body of Faithful be gathered together  
From the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. (*Didache, 1st Century*)

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.**

*(St. Augustine of Hippo)*

**Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **The Blessing**

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

"You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone — any person or any force — dampen, dim or diminish your light." (*The Hon. John Lewis*) And may the blessing of the God of Love who creates, redeems, and inspires bless you and keep you this day and always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

**Postlude** *I want Jesus to walk with me*

Traditional Spiritual arr. Mary McDonald  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano