

THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 2021

AN ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR HOUSE CHURCHES

As you gather, take a moment or two for deep breaths and invite the group to relax in body and spirit. Remember, God hears prayers of all sorts, in all conditions.

Salutation

Blessed be God: Most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.**

Hymn 1 *see options on pages 4–7*

The Gospel John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Pause for time of reflection. What do you find encouraging in this passage? What do you find challenging? How might a lesson from this passage change our lives and community?

Sermon The Rev. Amy Molina-Moore

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Hymn 2 *see options on pages 4–7*

Prayers of the People

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those who suffer, especially the victims of institutional racism and those who labor to end it, and also for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially . . . and those blessings we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

We will exalt you, O God our King.

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . *(pause)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them.

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace *Please stand as you are able. The Officiant says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

This liturgy was originally used by our lay eucharistic visitors who were sent out after the Sunday service to visit those in hospitals or those who were at home, unable to attend church. The bread and wine have already been blessed by a priest, and are now ready to be prayerfully distributed by lay ministers.

At the Offertory

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for this mystical food that has been blessed in your holy Name so that your friends may share in your Divine life. By the power of the Holy Spirit may these gifts strengthen and restore us for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Communion

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

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

Prayer after Communion *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text "SCEC" to 73256 and you will receive a return text with instructions.

Hymn 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let Us Break Bread

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

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Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

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Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Unison

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a-side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

Slane



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek Ye First


Seek ye — first the king - dom of God and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and ye shall — find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7. Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.
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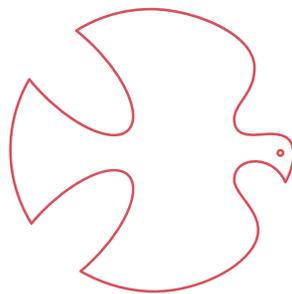
Hymn LEVAS II 214

God is so good

Traditional Spiritual

1. God is so good, God is so good,
2. He cares for me, He cares for me,
3. He's all I need, He's all I need,

1. God is so good, He's so good to me.
2. He cares for me, He's so good to me.
3. He's all I need, He's so good to me.



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