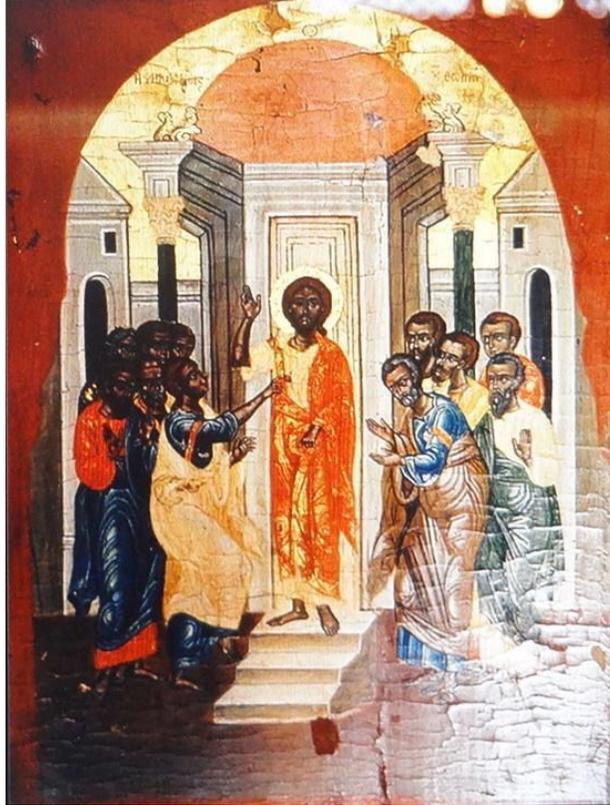


# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 9

Holy Eucharist Rite II

July 4, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

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## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### *The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 9*

Opening Hymn: When morning guild the skies vs. 1-3

Hymnal #427

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart, awaking, cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
hath none that can compare  
with: Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon  
in all high heaven is known  
than, Jesus Christ be praised!  
There to the eternal Word  
the eternal psalm is heard:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

### Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

Celebrant: 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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

God of unearthly wisdom,  
we take offence  
at your humanity;  
we lose our faith  
that you can change us:  
come to us  
who are your own:  
convert our inward looking eyes  
and take us on the road  
where all is lost  
and all is gained,  
through Jesus Christ, the prophet. Amen.

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

- 1 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.
- 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.
- 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.
- 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.'
- 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 123

*The Cantor chants the psalm.*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be, world without end. Amen.

## The New Testament Lesson

## 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore

I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

LEM:           The Word of the Lord.

People:        Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:** O God of earth and altar   vs. 1-2

**Hymnal #591**

O God of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry,  
our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
the walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide,  
take not thy thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,  
from lies of tongue and pen,  
from all the easy speeches  
that comfort cruel men,  
from sale and profanation  
of honor, and the sword,  
from sleep and from damnation,  
deliver us, good Lord!

**The Gospel**

Mark 6:1-13

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

People:        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own

house.’<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Gradual Hymn (continued) O God of earth and altar vs. 3 Hymnal #591**

Tie in a living tether  
the prince and priest and thrall,  
bind all our lives together,  
smite us and save us all;  
in ire and exultation  
afame with faith, and free,  
lift up a living nation,  
a single sword to thee.

### **The Sermon: Take Nothing for the Journey**

#### **The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
The 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 human.  
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 – Thanksgiving for the Nation**

*The LEM or Reader leads the People in the following prayers*

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

*Heal us.*

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

*Forgive us.*

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

*Inspire us.*

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

*Enlighten us.*

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

*Renew us.*

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. Hasten the day when all our people – out of many, one – will glorify your holy Name. *Amen.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant says the **Prayer for the Nation.***

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: Grant that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home and among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, let our trust in you not fail; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.<sup>1</sup>*

## **Offertory**

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, giver of life and light. You fill us with your blessings and feed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus, renewed us in your Spirit, and brought us into everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

*The People, led by the Choiristers, sing:*

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.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, maker of all things, judge of all who live. You made us in your image and to live in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care and bade us be faithful stewards of its bounty. But we honored not your gifts, misused your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Christ Jesus, to live as one of us, and to reveal your glory. Giving himself up to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and opened for us the way of everlasting life.

On the night before he died, as he sat at table with his friends, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

In that mystery we offer to you this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that may they become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we who share them be filled with that same Spirit to live as Christ’s Body in the world. May we come to the everlasting heritage of your children, and with the apostles and martyrs and all your saints, enter into the joys of your salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The Celebrant continues*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Hymn: My God thou table now is spread vs. 1-4 Hymn # 321**

My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.

*The People consume their gifts in place, or come forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

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

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

## **Withdrawal Hymn: My country 'tis of thee vs. 1-4 Hymnal #717**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song;  
let mortal tongues awake,  
let all that breathe partake,  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
author of liberty,  
to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.

*The Celebrant and the LEM recess to the narthex.*

### **Dismissal**

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Alleluia, Alleluia*



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We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

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