

Worship Plan for Sunday, August 7, 2022 9th Sunday after Pentecost LBW Holy Communion Setting One

PRELUDE

*Brother James Air*

arr. L. Smith



**Introduction to the day**

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (LBW 463)**



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

**GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, **you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

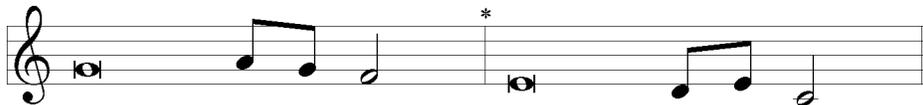
**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6** The First Lesson is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis.

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22 (The Psalm is sung responsively by verse.)**



Refrain: Let your loving kindness | be upon us \* as we have put our | trust in you. (*Ps. 33:22*)

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<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God | is the LORD! \* Happy the people he has chosen to | be his own!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks | down from heaven, \* and beholds all the people | in the world.**

<sup>14</sup>From where he sits enthroned he | turns his gaze \* on all who dwell | on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**He fashions all the | hearts of them \* and understands | all their works.**

**Refrain: Let your loving kindness | be upon us \* as we have put our | trust in you.**

<sup>16</sup>There is no king that can be saved by a | mighty army; \* a strong man is not delivered by | his great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse is a vain hope | for deliverance; \* for all its strength it | cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon | those who fear him, \* on those who wait up- | on his love,

<sup>19</sup>**to pluck their | lives from death, \* and to feed them in | time of famine.**

**Refrain: Let your loving kindness | be upon us \* as we have put our | trust in you.**

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits | for the LORD; \* he is our help | and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \* for in his holy name we | put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us, \* as we have put our | trust in you.

**Refrain: Let your loving kindness | be upon us \* as we have put our | trust in you.**

**SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** The Second Lesson is from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews.

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Here ends the reading. **Thanks be to God.**

**WE RISE TO GREET THE GOSPEL (LBW p. 62)**

*Alleluia.* Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. *Alleluia. (Heb. 11:1)*

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

**SERMON (LBW p. 63)** *Silence for reflection may follow.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance* (WOV 699)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## APOSTLE'S CREED (LBW p. 64)

**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 into hell.\***

**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**

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\*Or, He descended to the dead.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221 Monday, August 8, 2022**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

**Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258 Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

**Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Thursday, August 11, 2022**

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

**Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society Saturday, August 13, 2022**

Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Beth Allen, Marie Begnaud, Bill Bartleson, Eileen Bartleson, Nicholas Baud, Bert Brown, Renee Bryant, The Family of John Byrne III, The family of Charlie Carroll as they mourn his death, Robert Carthew, The Christine Gamily, We Rejoice for the birth of Elaina Rose Condon, Granddaughter of Larry and Pat Baud, Shawnie Copes, Donna Cuevas, Phyllis Cullen, Rosemarie Daffin, The Family of Austin Dobleman, Jerry Duffy, JoAnn Eleanor, Barbara Facchine, Keith Franchetti, Sr., Mark Gismondi, Pat Gismondi, Chuck Gordon, Doris Gordon, Pastor Andy, Randi Gordon, The Family of Ann Gray, Don Halterman, Marianne Halterman, Leaha Harris, Jim Heise, Catherine Hewitt, George Hobb, Joan Humphreys, The family of Ruth Hurlburt, The family of Jennifer Jeffers as they mourn her death, Marilyn Kaiser, Christopher Kane, Pat Kapus, David Kelleher, The family of Joseph Kelleher, The family of David Kershaw, John Kleinstuber, Cliff Kollmeier, The Lail Family, Troy Lail, Jr., Ella Lake, Lake's Granddaughter, Kristin Lamelas, Charlotte Langon, Sheila Lapham, Mark Leipert, William Leipert, The family of George Lofmark as they mourn his death, Joseph Lonia, Peter Lynskey, Jeff Lyons, Jessie MacGregor, Grant MacWilliam, Victoria McKelligott, Paul Miraglia, Bill Mitchell, Harry Mirra, Donald Morrison, Jami Munyan, The Family of Florence Olsen, Joseph Ostrowski, Janet Ostrowski, Abby Owens, Cathy Patrick, Peggy Peake, Kathi Perlove, Harry Rees, Lindsey Reese, Mark Reidenauer, Janet Rust, Marie Sahns, Linda Smith, Marley Smith, Dorothy Stagg, Lorraine Stagg, Georgia Swain, Amanda Swanger, we join the Theriault family in celebrating the birth of their grandson Sol Henry, Gretchen Turner, Larry Wall, Betty Warner, James West, Joe Wilson, Lori Wotypka, Pastor Jeff Ziegler's health concerns, prayers for a neighbor with Cancer.*

**THE PRAYERS** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

Peace be with you. **Peace be with you.**

**OFFERTORY AND SPECIAL MUSIC (LBW p. 66)** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. L. Smith  
Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE, PREFACE AND SANCTUS (LBW p. 68)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (LBW P. 70)**

**Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and Earth.**

In Mercy for our fallen world you gave your only son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.**

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

**Do this for the remembrance of me.**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

**Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray ...

**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.**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

**BLESSING** The God of peace, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Have No Fear, Little Flock* (LBW 476)**

1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As of March 7, 2022, masks are no longer mandatory in NJ. Here at Holy Nativity, masks are optional. While we recognize that there are many different views on mask wearing, we appreciate your respect and consideration of everyone's viewpoint and hope that this will allow everyone to feel safe attending worship services.
- The eternal candle for August is sponsored by the Kelleher family.
- On Sunday September 11, immediately after the 10:30 Worship Service, we will be gathering in the picnic grove to hand out assignments for property clean up and repair AND starting up the BBQ's for our church picnic! So, please save The Date! And ... Make suggestions of projects you see need to be addressed so that our property and building is the best possible witness to our community!
- Wenonah is holding a block party on August 6 from 11 am – 10 pm. The event will be held at the first two blocks West Willow Street. All are welcome.
- We currently have a vacant position on church council. We are looking for a volunteer to service at meetings in August through December. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We do have an option for Zoom participation if needed. Please see Pastor or a council member if you are willing to help.
- Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wenonah continues to collect items for hygiene kits to be sent to Ukrainian refugees through Church World Service. We will be collecting needed items and giving them to Memorial Church. Items needed include: hand towels (16" x 28"), washcloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, bars of soap, toothbrushes, and Band Aids.
- If you have changes (additions or deletions) to the prayer list, please fill out a change form in the narthex or contact the church office by phone or email.
- If you still need to submit your directory update form, please contact the church office or email the church account. Thank you for helping us with this project!
- A special thank you to all the green thumbs and willing helpers for beautifying and maintaining the several zones around the church property.
- Sunday School will be LIVE and church school resources are also available on our website.
- At this time, the food pantry is in need of pancake mix, syrup, grape jelly, loaves of bread and toilet paper. Other needed items include: canned goods, non-perishable items, toiletries, laundry soap, etc.
- The Greater Woodbury Cooperative is in need of school supplies, including pencil sharpeners. They would also like packets of tissues and hand wipes to be distributed to students. Their deadline is the middle of August. You can drop off items at the church and we will get them to the cooperative. For any questions, contact Fay Stafford-Rambo (856-468-8071).

**DISMISSAL (LBW p. 94)** You are the body of Christ ... Go in peace, Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Allegro*      *C. Franck*

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