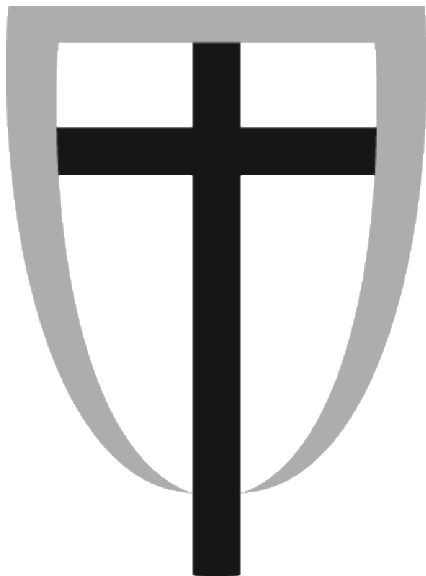


**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**RITE II**

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 14

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LA

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Thank you for worshiping with us, today. This order of service for our liturgy — meaning “work of the people” — is meant to help you participate as fully as you desire. As one is able, we sit to listen to the scripture and the sermon, and we stand to sing, recite the Nicene Creed or Baptismal Covenant, and hear the Gospel proclaimed. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices, so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, as you are able. Before we begin, it is our custom to observe quiet for prayer and meditation. Please silence any electronic devices. Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand when the ministers of the service enter*

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

### Song of Praise

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading *Genesis 15:1-6*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Genesis

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." 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?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 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." 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." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm *Psalm 33:12-22*

### *Exultate, justi*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
**happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
**on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
**and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
**a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
**on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
**he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
**for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
**as we have put our trust in you.**

## The Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

*Lector* A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 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. 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. 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. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 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. 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." 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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel** *Luke 12:32-40*

*The people stand for the Gospel*

*Gospeler*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 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. 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan*

*The people are seated for the sermon*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The people stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, 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 man. 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**

*Leader*       Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*       **That we all may be one.**

*Leader*       Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*       **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Morris, our Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop-elect; Chris, Drew, and Don, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Austin, our seminarian;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president; John Bel, our governor; Sharon, our mayor; our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement.  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Carolyn, Lee, Mary Catherine, Laura, Lolly, Audrey, Kate, Barbara, Justin, and all those on our prayer list;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Today we remember Jimmy Williams, Linda Broderick, LeAnn Collet, and all those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Laura, Sharon, Kathryn, and Angel, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things, may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Norah Monroe Holmes.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

*After silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession of Sin

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Absolution

Almighty 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.**

## The Peace

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

## Welcome & Announcements

## The Offertory

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving:** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 him 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...

...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:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; . . .

. . . Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, . . .

...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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 that 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 Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Invitation to Communion

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The people may stand or kneel*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of their new grandbaby, Norah Monroe Holmes, by Ann and Wendell Holmes*

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