

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, with service music indicated by 'S' at the front of the book; 'LEVAS' for hymns from red/black Lift Every Voice and Sing; and 'WLP' for hymns from green Wonder, Love, and Praise.

Prelude Make His Praise Glorious! with Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Tracey Craig McKibben*

Opening Hymn 574 Before thy throne O God, we kneel *St. Petersburg*

Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson A reading from the Book of Numbers *11:4-6,10-16,24-29*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant*

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Epistle A reading from the letter of James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Gradual LEVAS 177 It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord *African-American Spiritual*

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:38-50
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

Offertory Music O God, My Faithful God, (*Was Frag Ich Nach Der Welt*) *Michael Burkhardt*

Doxology Hymn 380, v 3 From all that dwells below the skies, *Old 100th*

Fraction Anthem WLP 761 v 1 All who hunger gather gladly, *Holy Manna*

Communion Music If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee *Georg Neumark*
Lord Jesus Think on Me *Southwell, from Daman’s Psalter*

Closing Hymn 660 O Master let me walk with thee *de Tar, Calvin Hampton*

Participants in Today’s Service

The Reverend Julie D. Bryant, DMin, Rector
Lynn Robinson, Minister of Music
Dave Dunlap, Usher • Eileen Tallent, Altar Guild
Faye Pritchard, Reader • Lisa Pope, Prayers of the People
Patricia Broida, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Patricia Broida, Teller • Sandy Winger, Fellowship
Peter Olivere & Sandy Winger, Sound and Live-stream Coordinators

Announcements

Welcome: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. ***Please join us for coffee hour*** downstairs after the service.

Dental Clinic at St Patrick’s Hope for Tomorrow – Thank you to everyone who participated in making the a free dental clinic operating domestically and internationally for 20 years, hosted a dental clinic at St Patrick’s on September 28. Thank you to all who helped with this program – setting up chairs, welcoming patients, providing hospitality, and all the other support jobs. Your help made this a resounding success.

