

Church of the Holy Spirit
Proper 14
August 7, 2022
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 9:30 am

Prelude

The Priest invites members to receive a personal Healing Prayer:

The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Entrance Hymn

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect For Purity

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.*

Opening Anthem

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

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

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 Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The 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." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But 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." ⁵He 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." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Sequence Hymn

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon The Rev. Lisa Graves-
 The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves**

The Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

Do not be afraid, children of Abraham; God, your God, is your shield. So, let us approach our God, saying, "Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us; *we put our trust in you.*"

As your Church, we confess that we are strangers seeking a homeland. Do not be ashamed to call yourself our God and make us worthy of that heavenly city you have prepared for us.

Silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

Mighty God, you behold all of the people in the world. May all tribes and nations come to understand that our strength is not found in violence or weapons but in the power of your love.

Silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

Creator God, you are the one who made the stars of heaven and the sand by the seashore. We bless and honor you for the gifts of creation.

Invite the congregation to add their prayers of thanksgiving, followed by silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

Defend the orphans, O God; rescue the oppressed; show compassion to those who feel lonely or isolated. And let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause.

Silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

Comfort and heal the sick and the sorrowful. May they know that you are their help and shield. Deliver them from all fear and help them to trust in your righteousness.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. We praise you, God, that those who have died are welcomed home, where they will dwell with all men and women of faith in the city you have prepared for them.

Silence

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

We put our trust in you.

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. 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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 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, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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 forever. *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 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation

Distribution

Communion Hymn

Celebrant: in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Announcements/Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the privilege and gift of our friends celebrating birthdays as we ask that you be powerfully present to them this week and that you bless this new year of life with health and happiness for each of them. We also give you thanks for the gift of marriage. We ask you to bless those celebrating anniversaries with their love of you will be reflected in their love for one another. Continue to bless our lives together and may we grow ever closer to You and to each other in the days that lie ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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A personal reminder and note of gratitude to continue your financial pledge and support of Holy Spirit.

Church Family, a friendly reminder you can pledge and donate through our website. Go to the Giving Tab and it is very easy. Thank you for your consideration.



The Altar Flowers and Memorial Candle are given to the Glory of God by the Congregation.

Thank you to all participating in our School Supply Drive. We still have a lot of tickets left to be chosen. Please take a ticket and sign up. If you prefer, you can sign up for purchasing a few of the items requested rather than the full amount on each ticket. Thank you!

Clothing Bin: The clothing Bin, in the parking lot across the street is there to help Holy Spirit raise money. When cleaning out your closets, don't forget that the bin is there waiting to gather your un-wanted clothes. Thank you.

Designer Bag Bingo returns as major Interfaith fundraiser: Interfaith Health & Support Services will once again hold their popular annual fundraiser, **Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, September 23 at St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, Bishop Way in Manahawkin, NJ.** All proceeds from this event support Interfaith's outreach programs for the frail elderly in our community. Stunning handbags (Kate Spade, Cole Hann, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Coach and Tumi) will be awarded to winners. Gift baskets and door prizes will be raffled off and this year there will be a 50-50 so there are many ways to win big! Tickets are still \$40 and must be picked up in advance at the Interfaith office at 56 Nautilus Drive in Manahawkin. Previous events have sold out so all are encouraged to reserve their tickets early! Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 7:00 pm. Coffee, tea and desserts are included in the ticket price. Bring your own food; no alcohol. **Questions? Call 609-978-3839.**