

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST



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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 355-60

The Prelude

'Voluntary VII'

G.F. Handel

(Please stand)

The Processional Hymn 'Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might' - Hymn 552 (H-1982)



Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: Pentecost, William Boyd (1847-1928).

Opening Bidding and Acclamation

₩ We meet in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

The Collect for Purity

People

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.

In the Episcopal Church, the Prelude typically refers to a piece of music that is played immediately before the beginning of a service and generally reflects the theme, liturgical season, or occasion of the day.

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative, calling us together. Our first act of public worship, then, is to heed God's call and to join with others in praising Him. These words remind us that our worship centers in God, not in ourselves.

Sometimes called a Prayer of Illumination, this Collect asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear but understand, believe and praise God.

As a Trinitarian acclamation, the Gloria is an appropriate way to acknowledge with thanks and joy that we are the beneficiaries of the unmerited gift of God's grace and mercy.



In light of God's great saving work, this prayer asks God to help us serve him faithfully. 'Collect' is from the Latin 'collecta' meaning a gathering together.

People 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

The Lord be with you.

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.

People

At services in the ancient Jewish synagogue, a series of biblical lessons were read, a practice imitated in Christian worship from early times.

For Jews and Christians, this ancient songbook of prayers is one of the primary resources for worship. They were also Jesus' prayers—recall his allusions various psalms throughout the Gospels, such as Psalm 22:1 in Matt. 27:46 and Mk. 15:34, Pss. 42:5, 11, and 43:5 in Matt. 26:38, Jn. 12:27. The psalms are emotive, repetitious, contradictory, earthy, angry and full of wonder at simple things.

The Lessons

The First Lesson Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Purim established.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."

Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king."

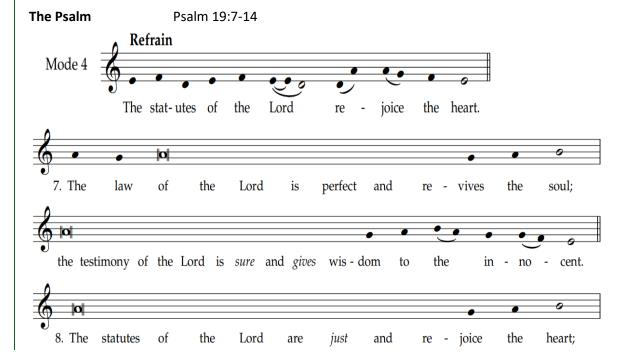
Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





The Second Lesson (often one of the Epistles) is usually read in sequence, and the readings from the Jewish Scriptures are related to either the Gospel or the Epistle readings.

The Second Lesson James 5:13-20

The prayer of faith.

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.

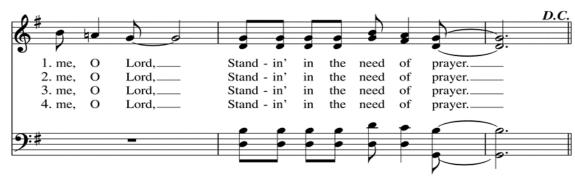
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand) The Gradual Hymn 'Standin' in the Need of Prayer' - Hymn 177 (LEVAS) me, me, O Lord,___ Stand-in' in the need of prayer;_ It's me, Fine it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer. broth - er, 1. Not my not my sis - ter, me, O Lord, 2. Not the O Lord, preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, 3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord, 4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh-bor, but it's me, \mathbf{O} Lord, 1. Stand-in' in the need of Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's prayer,___ 2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer,___ Not the preach-er, not the dea-con, but it's 3. Stand-in' in the need of fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's prayer,___ Not my Stand-in' in the need of prayer,. Not the stran-ger, not my neigh-bor, but it's



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pels, the climactic reading, has attracted special ceremonies, such as standing,

The reading from the Gos-

at least as far back as the

late fourth century. The reading of the Gospel and

the book itself symbolize

the presence of Christ in

the liturgy of the word just as the Eucharistic prayer

and the Eucharistic ele-

ments symbolize His pres-

ence in the liturgy of the

altar.

Mark 9:38-50

The Lord be with you.

People

The Holy Gospel

And also with you.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

People

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

People

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.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(Please stand)

THE SETTION

The Nicene Creed

People We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

The sermon may teach; it may even be therapeutic; it may offer a more profound knowledge of the biblical text, but these are all side effects, not the main point of preaching. Though the reading and preaching of the Word are not a sacrament, it is sacramental. That is to say, by reading and preaching, Christ does indeed become present to the congregation, just as He becomes present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of belief widely used in Christian lituray. It is called Nicene because it was originally adopted in the city of Nicaea (present -day İznik, Turkey) by the First Council of Nicaea in 325. In 381, it was amended at the First Council of Constantinople, and the amended form is referred to as the Nicene or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It defines Nicene Christianity. The Oriental Orthodox and Assyrian churches use this profession of faith with the verbs in the original plural ("we believe"), but the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches convert those verbs to the singular ("I believe"). The Anglican and many Protestant denominations generally use the singular form, sometimes the plural.

The BCP uses the title "Prayers of the People" for the oratio fidelium or general intercessions in the Eucharist. Such prayers have a long and venerable history. Their existence was first mentioned by Justin Martyr about the year 150, and for centuries they formed a vital part of the Daily Office and Eucharistic liturgy. In the early church they usually included a long series of biddings that were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded with Kyrie eleison.

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.

(Please kneel)

The Prayers of the People

The Parish Prayer

Let us pray -

Gracious Father,

People your

your loving providence has brought us into

the sacred fellowship of this parish.

Help us to praise you with such holy worship;

serve you with unselfish love;

and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom

that we may be worthy members

of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

faithfully fulfilling our mission:

to make known your truth,

help the needy,

and proclaim the abundant life in your name.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

An intercession is a prayer for another or others. Intercession "brings before God the needs of others" (BCP, p. 857). It is one of the seven principal kinds of prayer (BCP, p. 856).

The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (missing the mark) and our desire to live into the fullness of God's call for us.

In the Absolution the priest proclaims God's abundant grace and declares forgiveness to all.

The Peace is an ancient practice among Christians. It is a sign of love, affection, reconciliation, and greeting.

The Intercessions

The Confession of Sin

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

People Amen.

(Please stand)

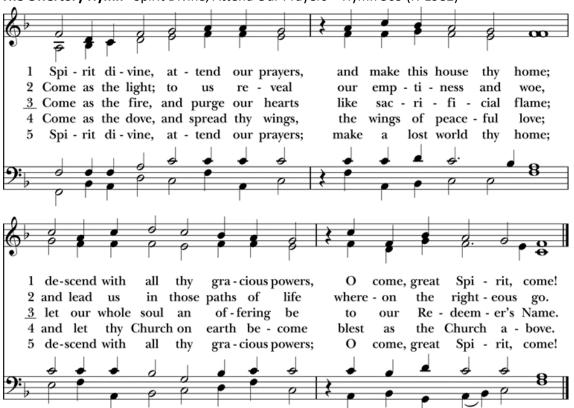
The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord)

The Offertory Hymn 'Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers' - Hymn 509 (H-1982)



The Offertory Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,

the splendor and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give to you.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

For us it becomes the bread of heaven.

People

♣ Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 361-66

Sursum Corda

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.

The Eucharistic Preface

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

In the words of the Sursum Corda (meaning 'lift up your hearts') we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in whom and through whom creation is restored in God's perfect likeness and all creation is united to God and each other. The consecratory prayer concludes with the Great AMEN.

The Eucharistic Preface to begin the Eucharistic Prayer expresses the great richness of the liturgical seasons - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and so on. They are theological lyrics, sometimes of great beauty.

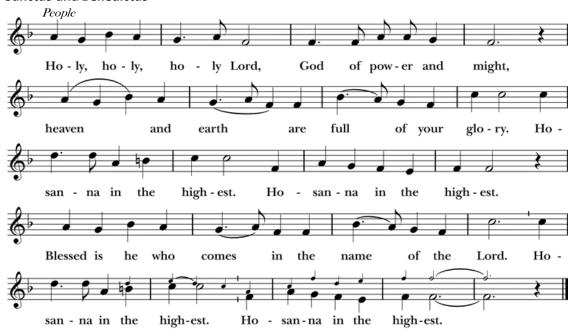
In the Sanctus we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Jesus did four important things when he shared bread with the disciples: he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it. And after he rose from the dead, the disciples recognized Jesus by these same four actions. He did the same when he fed the crowd of five thousand people who had heard him come to preach (Matt. 14).

These Words of Institution ('Do this for the remembrance of me') are addressed not to the congregation, but to God. This is not a reenactment of the Last Supper, but a prayer to God.

And so with choirs of angels, with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus



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(Please kneel)

Words of Institution

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."

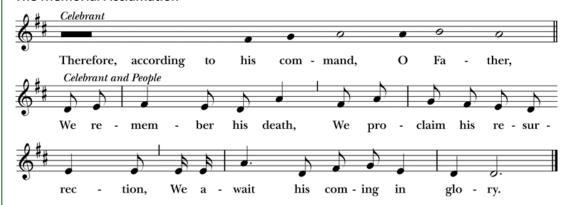
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

The Memorial Acclamation follows the Institution narrative - the words Jesus used at the Last Supper over bread and wine. It is our response to God's coming to dwell among us, particularly in the transformation of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood.

The Epiclesis is a liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of consecrating the Eucharistic elements. It follows the Words of Institution and is regarded as the point at which the eucharistic bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.

The Memorial Acclamation



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Epiclesis

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 for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say -

People

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.

Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

Agnus Dei is the Latin name under which the "Lamb of God" is honored within the Eucharist and, by extension, other Christian liturgies descending from the Latin tradition.

The Fraction

People

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei



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Ecce Agnus Dei ('Behold the Lamb of God') was spoken by John the Baptist immediately before he baptized Christ.

The final part of Holy Communion proclaims our going out. Unlike all other prayers in the service, here we proclaim our readiness to go out into the world to love and to serve God. Nourished with the body and blood of Christ, we are ready to do God's work in the world.

The Blessing is not a closing prayer but God's blessing pronounced by the priest on the congregation as it is about to leave. We go out to meet joys and obligations, pleasures and troubles, secure in the shelter of God's trustworthy Word, and strong in its power.

Ecce Agnus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you; People

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

with thanksgiving.

Come.

(Please kneel)

The Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray -

People Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work

you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach you to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may come as one family

to the kingdom of the Father.

♣ And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you, and all those whom you love,

this day and always.

People Amen.

(Please sit)

Welcome, Parish Announcements



The term 'Dismissal' comes from the Latin Ite, missa est, "Go, it is the sending."

Postlude is the lesserknown counterpart to "prelude". At the root of both terms is the Latin verb 'ludere' ("to play"), and a postlude is essentially "something played afterward." The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude 'Praeludium in C'

D. Buxtehude

WELCOME TO TRINITY

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone at Trinity welcomes you and rejoices in sharing together. For more than a century this congregation from Gulph Mills, King of Prussia and Conshohocken has been worshiping, celebrating, and serving this community. We hope you will come again and join us in our faith-inspired hospitality and discipleship.

OUR CALLING

Trinity welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love, and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Trinity is a church that values: reverent sacramental worship, gracious hospitality and care, generous and spontaneous outreach and comprehensive Christian formation.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

WWe hold before God our parish, praying especially for those who are sick, homebound, or in pastoral need, especially Patty McBride, Lorna Nixon, Agnes Rash, Fatima Wall, Jack Murray, Sally and Joe Abbruzzi.

We also remember in our prayers relatives and friends in need – Ronald James Spence, Beverly Hamilton, Patrick Prante, Brody Matthew Beasley, David Shoemaker, and Beth Hanna.

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