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**MORNING WORSHIP FOR  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 9**

July 5, 2020 | St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The Celebrant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Celebrant*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.     *1 John 1:8,9*

## THE CONFESSION

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest says*

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.**

## THE TRISAGION

Holy God,  
 Holy and Mighty,  
 Holy Immortal One,  
 Have mercy upon us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*            **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels, and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the

camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## **PSALM 45:11-18**

*Eructavit cor meum*

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Celebrant*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

## SERMON

### THE NICENE 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, FORM IV

*Leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources  
rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in  
them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and  
hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for  
**Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Art, Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Betty  
Dean, Melinda, Matthew, Ethan, Richard, Rita, Elizabeth, Adam, Terence, Jeff,  
Seneca, Danny, Michael, Yeva, John, Allen, Lavinia, Frieda, Pren, Bernadette,**



**Jennifer, Steve, Andrea, Margaret, Mary, John H., Chris, Patsy, Nancy, Steve M., Bud, Marcy, Bob, Don, Carmen, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lillee, Marlena, Ro, Peter, Casey, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Barbara, Sadie, Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T.**  
and those we now name...

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country on this Independence Day weekend a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Let us deal honestly with the legacy of racism which has put such a burden on people of color and made freedom not a universal blessing for all. Let work to rid our country of the violence which costs others their lives. Let the burden of COVID-19 be lifted from our country and our world. Look favorably on the people of St. Andrew's as we continue to be physically apart from each other and as we look forward to the time when we can worship together again in safety and extend the hospitality and welcome of the buildings you have entrusted to our care to our community. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*All say "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God"*

**God of all power and love,**

**we give thanks for your unfailing presence**

**and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**

**Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:**

**a people who pray, worship, learn,**

**break bread, share life, heal neighbors,**

**bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.**

**Wherever and however we gather,**

**unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,**

**that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

## HYMN

*"Love divine, all loves excelling"*

Hymnal 657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*The Celebrant then continues*  
 As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
 we now pray,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## **BLESSING**

*Celebrant*      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*          **Amen.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823–1881)