

Morning Worship
Sunday, 6th August 2023
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16 – 19

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28 – 36

The Greeting:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn: Peace like a River
(Click Link) <https://youtu.be/QKrQYYsHa7I>

Psalm 97:

- ¹The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- ⁴His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- ⁷All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
- ⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

- ¹⁰The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Preparation:

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

Invitation to Confession:

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now
hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

Confession:

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution:

May the Father of all mercies,
cleanse you from your sins and
restore you in His image
to the praise and glory of His name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16–19

Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9: 28–36

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became

dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: (Click link) <https://youtu.be/iJil8oG8IJ8>

Hymn: These are the Days of Elijah
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca9LnzJnpjQ>

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy catholic Church

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

Lord, awaken in us our need of you
and make us hungry and thirsty for you,
both as individuals and as the Church of God.
Let no other issues side-track us from seeking you,
and increase our love and compassion
so that we long to serve out your love
to the world around us.

Bread of Heaven,

On you we feed.

Lord, allow our world to see the true value of things,
so that the worthless and dangerous is unmasked
and real needs acknowledged.

Guide our leaders in wisdom and integrity,
and enable us all to cooperate in proper care
and stewardship of the world's resources.

Bread of Heaven,

On you we feed.

Lord, as we eat our food this week,
remind us of your spiritual feeding.
May the meals we prepare and eat together or alone
be opportunities for drawing closer
to one another and to you.

Bread of Heaven,

On you we feed.

Lord, we pray for all who need medical care and treatment.
We pray for those who struggle to cope with their situation,
for those who long to be set free from pain or physical impairment.
We pray for all are coping with heartache
and feel a sense of despair.

Bread of Heaven,

On you we feed.

Lord, welcome into your eternity
all who have spent their lives knowing you or searching for you
and now come to be with you for ever.
Have mercy on all those approaching death
who do not know you,
may they respond to you, the true and living God
and know your love for ever.
Bread of Heaven,
On you we feed.

Merciful father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Collect:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. **Amen.**

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves
and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

Offertory Hymn: Yet not I but through Christ in me
(Click link) <https://youtu.be/xn84k3fcb2Q>

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
... and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.