

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



Pentecost 9

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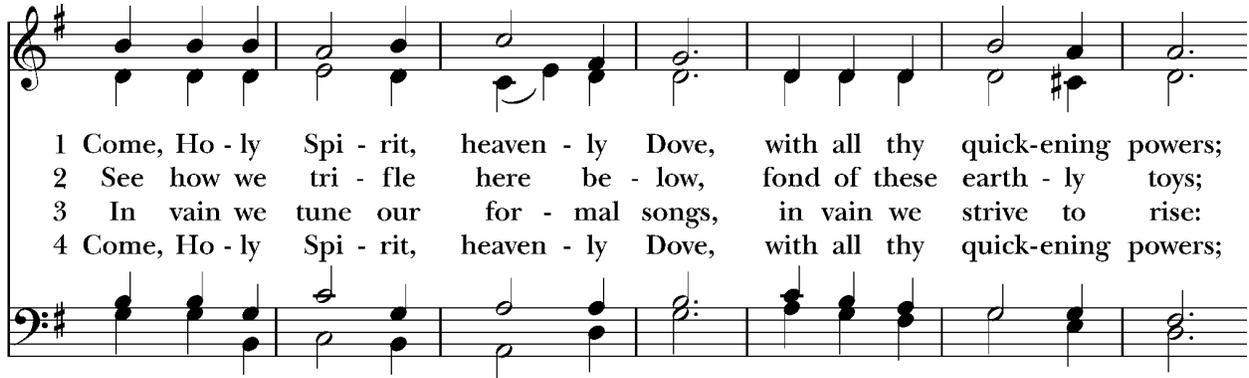
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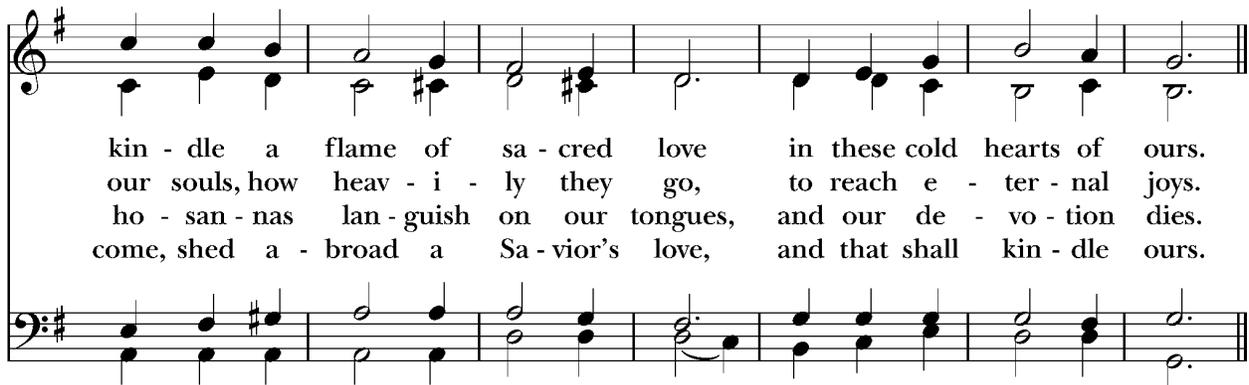
- **Masks are REQUIRED WHILE SINGING!**
- Seek designated area if you wish to remain masked and socially distanced
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church, and for use before and after Holy Communion

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove (Saint Agnes) (H 510)*



1 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;
2 See how we tri - fle here be - low, fond of these earth - ly toys;
3 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
4 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with all thy quick-ening powers;



kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
our souls, how heav - i - ly they go, to reach e - ter - nal joys.
ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
come, shed a - broad a Sa - vior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

H390 *Praise to the Lord Verse 1*



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon-der a - new
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6 A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-21

How blest are the people whose God is the Lord:
the people you chose as your own possession.

**You Lord look down from heaven upon all people:
from the place where you dwell
you consider all who inhabit the earth.**

You fashion the hearts of them all:
and observe all their deeds.

**A king is not saved by a mighty army:
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength.**

A horse is a vain thing to count on for victory:
nor will it save anyone by its great strength.

**But your eye O Lord is on those who fear you:
on those who rely on your steadfast love,**

to deliver them from death:
and to keep them alive in famine.

**We have waited eagerly for you O Lord:
for you are our help and our shield.**

Our heart shall rejoice in you:
because we have hoped in your holy name.

**Let your constant love attend us O Lord:
as we put our trust in you.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By 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.

By 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. By 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. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By 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. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All 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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

If thou but trust in God to guide thee (H 635)

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first vocal line and the second column to the second vocal line. The music is a gradual hymn, characterized by its slow, steady pace and simple harmonic structure. The lyrics are: '1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through; 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-swer-ving; so do thine own part all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee, faith-ful-ly, and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing; and bear thee through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev-er yet for-chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move. sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.'

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
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GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Harold Birkenhead

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Judge eternal, throned in splendor* (H 596)

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

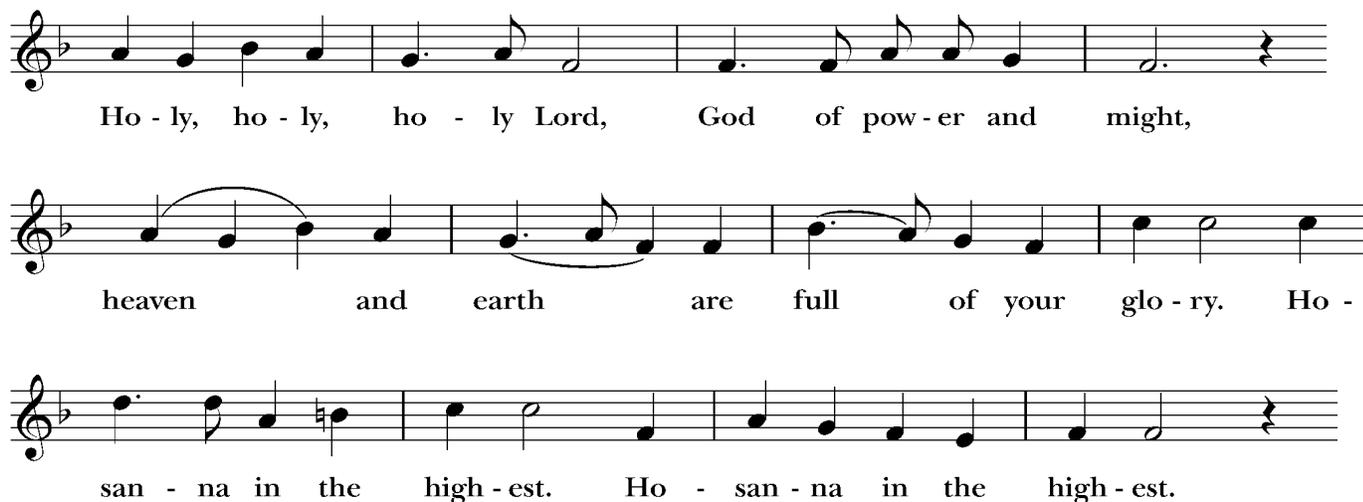
The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us, offering us the healing riches of salvation and calling us to freedom and holiness. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored, and we are made whole once more. Therefore, with people of every nation, tribe and language, with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, joyfully we give you thanks and say:

Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life; Earth and sea and sky
And all that lives, Declare your presence and glory.

SANCTUS LEVAS

#256 S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;
 your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;
 Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, God, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will. Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ,
 in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you
 in earth and heaven, we worship you,
 Creator God. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *therefore, let us keep the feast.*

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. (All are welcome at Gods table. If you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who has Created, Redeemed, and Sanctified you, be with you and remain with you forever. *AMEN.*

CLOSING HYMN

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (Lyons) (H 637)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**