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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

According to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

People say or sing words in **bold type** and/or preceded by the ❖ symbol.

BCP is the red *Book of Common Prayer*

Hymnal or S is the blue *The Hymnal 1982*

WLP is the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymn 636

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis

S280

**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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 FIRST READING

ISAIAH 1:1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

learn to do good;
seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,

plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,

says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,

you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel,

you shall be devoured by the sword;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

❖ **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*

(Recited responsively by whole verse)

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame,

and round about him a raging storm.

4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above***

to witness the judgment of his people.

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me

and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***

for God himself is judge.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *

for I am God, your God.

8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; ***

your offerings are always before me.

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 **Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; ***

but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

❖ **Thanks be to God**

MUSIC AT THE GOSPEL

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

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

❖ 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."

❖ Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Debbie Shew

NICENE CREED *(standing as able)*

❖ 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Deacon: Christ has promised that it is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom: Gracious One, awaken us to hope and action, that we may live by faith and spread your charity and love for all humanity, as we pray: God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. God will come and will not keep silence.

Litanist: Holy and Loving One, let your Church be dressed for action, enlightened and alert for your coming into the world, that we may open the door to your presence and live even now within the joy of your heavenly wedding banquet.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Infinite One, you speak to the rulers of the earth and tell them to cease from evil, learn to do good; to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Compassionate One, cast away all fear from those who are threatened or oppressed, and fill your children with strong faith, the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Gracious One, inspire our community that we may be faithful servants to one another, alert to open the doors of hospitality and friendship.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Loving God, you are our shield and the ground of our hope.

Be with all for whom we pray in intercession, especially ____.

Hear our gratefulness for your goodness and generosity to us, especially for ____.

You have prepared a city for those who die in you; we remember especially ____.

God calls the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

God will come and will not keep silence.

Deacon: Empower our faith, O God, so our treasure may rest in your presence, and our hearts may dwell where no thief comes and no moth destroys; help us live within the blessed expectation of your promises. and to be alert for you whenever you come to us at an unexpected hour, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

❖ And also with you.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

❖ O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME VISITORS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

❖ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

❖ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

❖ It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, - God of pow-er and might,
9 heaven and earth - are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.
13 Bless - ed - is he who comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in - the high - est. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

❖ **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

....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. 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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen Hymn 314

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(standing as able)*

Let us pray.

❖ **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.

THE BLESSING

May the Holy One cast out your fear, for it is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom.

May Christ keep you awake and alert, dressed for action and awaiting his appearance among us at unexpected times.

May the Spirit strengthen your faith that you may live in the hope of all of God's promises.

And the blessing of our gracious God, the One, Holy and Undivided Trinity, dwell with you today and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

From all that dwell below the skies Hymn 380

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to bless and serve God's world. Alleluia! Alleluia!

❖ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to St. Mark's Episcopal Church!

We're especially glad to welcome you if you are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. If you're with us in person, please fill out a "Welcome Guest" card, found at the usher station or in the pew rack. We look forward to greeting you more fully after the service at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall! For those joining us online, please drop us a note at our website www.stmarksdurango.com so we can be in touch if you'd like us to do that!!



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In thanksgiving for St. Mark's and to the glory of God



- BAKERS (OR BUYERS) NEEDED

St. Mark's has two funerals coming up this week. Could you make (or purchase) some finger food or sweets to offer at their receptions? And might you be free Fri or Sat to assist in setting or cleaning up for 1 p.m. funerals? The parish will supply coffee and lemonade. Now that things are settling into a "new normal", we'd love to start of Joseph of Arimathea Guild that could provide simple receptions so that the burden doesn't fall to grieving families. Stay tuned for more information. But for now - see sign up sheet in the Parish Hall to help with Marilyn Baker and Leslie Lynch's services this week. Thank you!

- ANNUAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

This October 13 - 15, the Episcopal Church in Colorado will finally meet in person again for its 135th Annual Convention. Would you be interested in attending as a delegate from St. Mark's? The Vestry appoints 4 people to represent our parish. It's a great way to get to know people from across the diocese, to hear about creative ministry ideas and have fun! Requirements: that you're an adult, confirmed communicant of St. Mark's, that you're willing to listen with open ears and heart, and that you're game to bring back what you've learned to share with the parish! If needed, the parish can help with lodging costs, and we generally have a carpool set up to save travel costs (this year, to Pueblo). Interested? For more information please email Maggie THIS WEEK at office@stmarksdurango.com or speak to Mtr. Debbie or a member of the Vestry at Coffee Hour.

- THANKS & HALLELUJAHS!

Once again, a huge thank you to all who participated in our Month of Giving and Celebration. You did everything from recruit door prizes and sponsors, attend events, scoop ice cream and count money, purchase items at the bazaar, set up and take down tables, hang lights, paint nails, decorate the Parish Hall, greet visitors with a smile and so much more. You helped us succeed wonderfully in our goals of reconnecting with one another after COVID isolation, inviting new neighbors into our space and having FUN! Looks like we may have started some new St. Mark's traditions in the process!

- RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN CONTINUES - DONATE ONLINE TODAY

The Raise the Roof 2022 donate button will remain live on our website through the end of August. Thanks to all of you who have contributed throughout last month. We've raised more than \$5K so far. But we do still need to make our goal of \$15K in order to cover our 2022 budget fully. Visit

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stmarksdurango.com or scan the QR code at right with your phone camera to make your donation to the Month of Celebration & Giving. You may also write a check to St. Mark's, noting "Raise the Roof 2022" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



- BOOKS FOR SALE BY DONATION – another great way to contribute!

Continue to help us Raise the Roof & Celebrate St. Mark's by stopping by during the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour and purchasing a spiritual book from our collection that was donated during the Rummage & Book Sale. Proceeds go to benefitting St. Mark's Outreach partners such as Manna, NINA, and more! **Let neighbors and friends know** they can come and browse during the week!

- GOFUNDME FOR KYLE OSBORNE

A few months after Kyle Osborne, our Director of Music Ministry, arrived last year, he came down with bronchitis that quickly turned into pneumonia. He was hospitalized and shortly thereafter placed on a ventilator. The strain of bacteria that infected his lungs resisted most antibiotics, and, to make matters worse, after a month he began having gastrointestinal problems (a side effect of the massive doses of medications he was receiving) that required emergency surgery. The doctors were finally able to find an antibiotic to fight the infection, and by mid-January Kyle was able to come off the ventilator, but still needed major surgery for his gastrointestinal organs. He was finally sent home on February 9th -- with accumulated medical expenses of over TWO MILLION DOLLARS. While his health insurance has covered much of that, he still owes a balance of over \$14,000. Visit <https://gofund.me/9c5ee122> to donate.

- MEMORIAL BOOK FOR MARILYN BAKER

At the request of Marilyn Baker's family: Please see the memorial book for Marilyn during Coffee Hour located near the library and sign your name and favorite memory of Marilyn. This book will be shared at her memorial service on August 12.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For Healing & Strength:

Linda, Suzanne, Albert, Bill,
the Martinez family, Heather & Cleve, Eric, Peggy

For those in the Armed Forces, Civil Service, on Missions:

Erik, Justin

For Travelers:

Judie

For those who have died:

Juan, Tom, Nathaniel, Les

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Ted & Nancy, Carol & Scott, Evelyn & Richard,
Priscilla, Olin, Gordon, John, Bob, Anna, Christine, Bob, Maria

For others who have asked our prayers:

All those affected by flooding and mudslides,
our Episcopal/Anglican bishops as they gather at the Lambeth Conference