

## First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89:20-37** *Standing and read responsively by half verse*

I have found David my servant; \*  
**with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast \*  
**and my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
**nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him \*  
**and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
**and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

I shall make his dominion extend \*  
**from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
**my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

I will make him my firstborn \*  
**and higher than the kings of the earth.**

I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
**and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

I will establish his line for ever \*  
**and his throne as the days of heaven."**

"If his children forsake my law \*  
**and do not walk according to my judgments;**

If they break my statutes \*  
**and do not keep my commandments;**

I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
**and their iniquities with the lash;**

But I will not take my love from him, \*  
**nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

I will not break my covenant, \*  
**nor change what has gone out of my lips.**

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
**'I will not lie to David.**

His line shall endure for ever \*  
**and his throne as the sun before me;**

It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
**the abiding witness in the sky.'**

## The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *The King of love my shepherd is* Hymnal 645

## The Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel... All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Rev’d Matt Woollett

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing, said by all* BCP 358

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 worshipped 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 Form III

*Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, 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 *Jake*, our bishop; for *Joseph and Jake*, our priests; for *Honey*, our deacon; and 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.

## The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 celebrant pronounces absolution.*

## The Peace

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

## Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory** *organ solo*

**The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3** Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. All: **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. All: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant Continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly we are bound to praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

**The Sanctus** *Said together in unison*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*The people kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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. *Amen.*

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

**The Lord's Prayer** *Said by all* BCP 364

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.*

**At the Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**The Invitation to Communion**

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.

**Communion Hymns** *Just as I am without, one plea* Hymnal 693  
*For the bread which you have broken* Hymnal 341

**Thanksgiving and Blessing** *Kneeling and in unison*

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 forever. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn** *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Hymnal 690

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Joyce McClellan, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Mary McIntosh, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Maddox, Louise Haddock, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Nagham El Karhili, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, John Bateman, Arthur White, Lou Ann St. Julien, Sterling Lejeune, Sylvia Turner, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Jack Seale, Noelle Freeland, Bart Freeland, Donna Hebert, Jim, Lazane Frost, Molly Zeringue, Jeanne Zeringue, Kevin Barry, Jan and Charles, Dusty Nassif, Emily Marie, Miller King, Pat Fontenot, Paige, Alex Martin, Alicia, Maggie Johnson, Karen Anderson, Aimee White, Marion, Betsy Vigorito, Albert Freeman, Becky Slagle, Alyssa Willson, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Albert Davis, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Morgan Rutledge, Jake Rushing and family, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Ella Mitchell, Peezie Alfred, Eddie and Rebecca LeBlanc, Brooks Citron, Mary Connor, Wendy Ortego, Karen Lavalais, David, Connor, Mona Stagg, Lillie Hardy, Susan Davis, Nash, Roya Parker, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Katrina Marlena McKinnis, Marius Haydel, Nicole Wynn, Richard Bessent, Tron Thomas, Randy Harelson, Ronnie and Larry Garric, Marianna Cooney, Pat, Sherrye, Courtney, Judy, Sasha, Kelly and Dave Domangue, Troy LeBouef, Kory Bowman, Ashlynn Broussard, Gail White, Finn, Caroline and Eddie, John Michael, Lizzie, Zoe Guidry, Mary Domingue, Beau Domingue, Courtney and family, Harry Bruder, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Genevieve, St. Mark's Cathedral in Shreveport, and Province of the Anglican Church in Japan. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. Edward Shwery*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monthly mail out "The Tidings" will be discontinued until further notice. All church information and weekly updates will be included in our weekly emailed newsletter. If you are not receiving the weekly newsletter by email please contact the church office to be added to the email list or if you do not have access to email we will be glad to mail you a printout of the weekly newsletter upon request.

Our **Rector's Forum** is now on summer break. This fall, Adult Bible Study will return on Sunday mornings between services at 10am. A second Bible study will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm. We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us to study God's word!

For June and July, we will have one Sunday service at 10am.

**Children's Sunday school, youth group, and children's church** will be return Sunday, *September 8th at 10am.* We hope to see you there!

**Ascension Men:** Join us for lunch the 1st and 3rd Thursdays (noon, church) and breakfast the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (7:45am, Hub City Diner). *This week: Breakfast at Hub City.* Each month (roughly!), we serve a meal to the homeless at St. Joseph's Diner: to sign up to serve, contact Louis Simon ([louissimon221@gmail.com](mailto:louissimon221@gmail.com)).

**Ascension Kids:** Join us *Sunday, August 11 at 11am* service for **Blessing of the Backpacks!** Kids are welcome to bring their backpacks to church as we celebrate and bless the start of another school year.

**Ascension Youth:** Join us for bowling at Premier Lanes on July 27th from 1-3! Contact Fr. Jake for more information.

**Dads' Basketball** resumes on July 25th at 7:30 pm at the SMP campus. Contact Fr. Jake for more information.

**Lector:** Kathy Knierim **Greeter:** Carol Dorè **Usher:** Mark Gremillion and Kirk Headley

**Acolyte:** Aidan Stewart, Gavin Stewart, Stacey Singleton, Christian Singleton

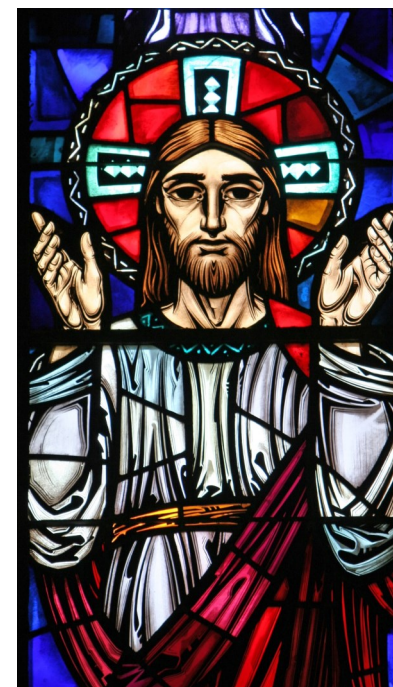
**Music:** Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday—Friday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm



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*The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg*

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*The Reverend Honey Becker*

## Welcome

We welcome all those who have come to worship with us today, and please come back often. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in our worshiping and celebration of God's love. Please fill out a "Communication Card" in the pew and drop it in the offering plate so that we can extend our hospitality to you beyond our doors.

*All children are welcome in Church. The nursery is available for infants and toddlers. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

## Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024  
10:00 AM

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Hymnal 493

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

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** *Standing*

**The Gloria** *Glory to God* Hymnal S-280

*The "S" indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal*

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.*

**The Collect of the Day** *kneeling*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*