

# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m. Service



St. Peter's by-the-Lake Episcopal  
Church  
1954 Spillway Road  
Brandon, Mississippi

The Very Rev. Carol Mead  
Rector

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Procession into the Church*

Hymnal # 637

*How Firm a Foundation*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

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Celebrant    Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People        **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Gloria*

Hymnal S-280

**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*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

*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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response:* Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

- 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."**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The Epistle:* 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Hymn*

Hymnal # 68

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

**Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.**

**See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!**

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*The Gospel:* Luke 12:32-40

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."

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

*The Sermon*—The Very Rev. Carol Mead

*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 II*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Dorothy our Bishop, Carol our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those suffering from addiction, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*The Confession*

**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 Absolution*

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.

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



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### *Offertory*

### *The Doxology*

**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.**

### *The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays and o 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:

### *Sanctus*

Hymnal S-129

**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.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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,

**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 Breaking of the Bread*

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

*Fraction Anthem*

*Behold the Lamb*

**Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb,  
slain from the foundation of the world.  
For sinners crucified, O holy Sacrifice,  
behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.**

**Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb.  
Praise Him, praise Him, heaven and earth resound.**

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*Communion Hymns*

*Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.**

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*We Are An Offering*

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives they are yours,  
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be - we give to you, we give to you,**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering,  
we are an offering.**

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*In His Time*

**In his time, in his time,  
he makes all things beautiful in his time.  
Lord, please show me every day,  
as you're teaching me your way;  
that you do just what you say in your time.**

**In your time, in your time,  
you make all things beautiful in your time.  
Lord, my life to you I bring,  
may each song I have to sing  
be to you a lovely thing in your time.**

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*Postcommunion Hymn*

*Glorify Your Name*

**Father, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.  
Glorify your Name in all the earth. Glorify your Name,  
glorify your Name, glorify your Name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.  
Glorify your Name in all the earth. Glorify your Name,  
glorify your Name, glorify your Name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you, we praise you, we adore you.  
Glorify your Name in all the earth. Glorify your Name,  
glorify your Name, glorify your Name in all the earth.**

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*Postcommunion Prayer*

**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 Sacra-  
ment 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. Amen.**

*The Blessing*

*Procession into the World*

Hymnal # 287

*For All The Saints*

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name O Jesus be forever blest. Al-le-lu- ia, al-le-lu-ia .**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:  
thou, Lord their Captain in the well fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light. Al-le-lu- ia, al-le-lu-ia .**

**O may the soldiers, faithful true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Al-le-lu- ia, al-le-lu-ia .**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Al-le-lu- ia, al-le-lu-ia .**

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*The Dismissal Response*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**