

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Just as I am"

Hymn #693

**1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**5. Just as I am, thy love known
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Opening Verse, Confession & Absolution

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts. I invite you to bow your head, or take some other posture of humility before God.

A brief silence for reflection follows.

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest pronounces absolution, saying,

Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I declare to you the

forgiveness of your sins. God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to abundance of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymn #8, verse 1

**Morning has broken, like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Drama (Based on 2 Samuel 13 - 14)

The Scripture drama will conclude,

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, There is no God.

**They are corrupt and do evil things;
not one of them does anything good.**

The Holy One looks down from heaven

to see if anyone is wise, to see if anyone seeks God.

But all have turned bad, everyone is corrupt.

No one does good - not even one person!

Have they know knowledge, all these evildoers,

**devouring my people as if they were bread,
and never calling on the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear,

because God is with the righteous generation.

Evildoers may confound the plans of those who suffer,

but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, let Israel's salvation come out of Zion!

**When God restores the fortunes of God's people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will celebrate!**

The Gospel Reading: John 6:1-14

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

After this Jesus went across the Galilee Sea (that is, the Tiberias Sea). A large crowd followed him, because they had seen the miraculous signs he had done among the sick. Jesus went up a mountain and sat there with his disciples. It was nearly time for Passover, the Jewish festival. Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed these people?" Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, "More than a half year's salary worth of food wouldn't be enough for each person to have even a little bit." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten. When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Priest We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list:

You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Priest Eternal God, creator and ruler of heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

The Blessing

Priest God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

**1. Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross forsaken
offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.**

**2. Still Your children wander homeless,
Still the hungry cry for bread,
Still the captives long for freedom,
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**

**3. As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light.
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.**