

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ♣ September 29, 2024

## Sunday Supplement for All Ages Worship (IOAM)

Today's Hymns (IOAM Only)		
Opening Hymn	<b>Song Sheet</b>	<i>Bring forth the Kingdom</i>
Song before the Prayers	<b>Paperless</b>	<i>Come, bring your burdens to God</i>
Offertory Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #671</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Communion Hymn	<b>Song Sheet</b>	<i>Taste and see</i>
Sending Hymn	<b>Blue Hymnal #594</b>	<i>God of grace and god of glory</i>

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### IOAM: Short Seasonal Reading

*Read by a child, when possible*

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church. The elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord, and God will restore them. If any have sinned, they will be forgiven. So confess your sins to each other, and pray for each other, so that you can be restored.

*- James 5:13-16*

♣ *Please be seated. We will hold a brief silence at this time.* ♣

### The First Reading: Esther 4:13-17, 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

*In IOAM worship this will be presented as a Scripture drama.*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Esther.

Mordecai sent this reply to his cousin Esther: 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape the doom that Haman has planned, any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.' Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.' Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Faith: Psalm 124

*Reader* Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

*People* **Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Reader* If God had not been on our side, let God's people now say;  
If God had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

*People* **Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

*Reader* Blessed be God, who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

*People* **Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

8AM: The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-41, 50

*Celebrant* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Keep salt in yourselves and keep peace with each other.'

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

10AM: The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:50

*Celebrant* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus said to his friends, "Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Keep salt in yourselves and keep peace with each other."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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