
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 134 *All my hope on God is founded*

MICHAEL

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 15.1-6*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord

came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

PSALM 33.12-21 *Exultate, justi.*

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah *
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men *

from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them * **and understandeth all their works.**

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host *

neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man *

neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him *

and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul from death * **and to feed them in the time of dearth.**

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord * **for he is our help and our shield.**

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him * **because we have hoped in his holy Name.**

21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us * **like as we do put our trust in thee.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹By 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. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By 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. ¹²Therefore 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." ¹³All 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, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that

they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But 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.

GRADUAL HYMN 23 *The God of Bethlehem praise*

LEONI

GOSPEL *St. Luke 12.32-40*

Jesus said, ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be 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. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

OFFERTORY HYMN 284 *Just as I am, without one plea*

SAFFRON WALDEN (1st tune)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL HYMN 184 *Jerusalem the golden*

EWING

A warm welcome to Fr. Brian Ford as our celebrant this morning.

ASSISTING –

<i>Lectors</i>	Richard Ryland, Bill Brant
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Vera Rosolowich, Kris Watson
<i>Sidespersons</i>	Carol Perch, Marlene McCulloch
<i>Subdeacon</i>	Sheila Welbergen
<i>Crucifer</i>	Ted Rennie
<i>Intercessor</i>	Jeff Brown
<i>Oblationers</i>	Kevin Webb, David Owen Lucas
<i>Counters</i>	Jennifer Schmidt, Kendall Jackson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Susan Roe-Finlay
<i>Refreshments</i>	Vera Rosolowich (proceeds to Hospitality Drop-in)

This parish has been blessed by your presence today.