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9 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

- Opening hymn *Lord whose love through humble service* 610 (hymnal)
- Opening Acclamation 355 (prayer book)
- Collect for purity 355 (prayer book)
- Hymn of Praise 822 (WLP)

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be
 blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till
 ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is
 done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day 232 (prayer book)

I reading— Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Reader: A reading from Joshua

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

II reading— Ephesians 6:10-20

Reader: A reading from Ephesians

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you

may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel— John 6:56-69

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Christ

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily		The Rev. Gail Riina
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People		
Confession		360 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
Hymn (<i>Please Stand</i>)	<i>Take my life and let it be</i>	707 (hymnal)
The Great Thanksgiving		361 (prayer book)
The Lord’s Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Breaking of the Bread		364 (prayer book)
Post Communion Prayer		365 (prayer book)

Blessing
Closing hymn
Dismissal

A mighty fortress is our God

688 (hymnal)
340 (prayer book)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

Leader

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our bishop, Cathy our rector; for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples.

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth and for this good and bountiful world.

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our community and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love especially
Joan & Ted Antos and Pat Farrance

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those in desperate need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Andy Darrohn, Jenna Reese, Donny Witkowski, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Bruce Lewis, Kathy Dennis, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, Liz and

those we now name with our lips or in our hearts.

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed especially Bob Grenyo

For those concerns you bring before God this day

silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant.

God of eternal life, you built a house of faithful people: Have mercy on all who gather in your name and grant our prayers for all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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