

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 30, 2023**

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2

*This service is livestreamed to the parish FB page*

Opening Hymn	<i>Joyful joyful we adore thee</i>	376 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		see back page
Gloria		S280 (blue book)
Collect of the Day		231 (red book)
I Reading— 1 Kings 3:5-12		
Psalm: 119:129-136		774 (red book)
2 Reading— Romans 8:26-39		
Gradual Hymn	<i>O God of Bethel by whose hand</i>	709 (blue book)
Gospel— Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52		
Homily		Father Nelson Gaetz
Nicene Creed		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People Form III		387 (red book)
Confession of Sin		360 (red book)
The Peace		360 (red book)
Announcements		
Preparation of the Table	<i>O day of God draw nigh</i>	601 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving —Prayer C		369 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>	S129 (blue book)
The Lord's Prayer		364 (red book)
At the Breaking of the Bread	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	S154 (blue book)
Communion		
<i>All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.</i>		
Post-Communion Prayer		366 (red book)
Blessing		

Closing Hymn      *O worship the king*

388 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

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### **1 KINGS 3:5-12**

5At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 6And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" 10It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

**PSALM: 119:129-136**

774 (red book)

### **ROMANS 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of

his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52**

31He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." 33He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49So it will be at the end of the

age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” 52 And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**And also with you.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church, or the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and pray. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor: that we may live out truth and justice and grace. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play. Let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, everyday.**

For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with Christ’s body and blood. Let us pray to the Lord.

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#### WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). We are glad that you are here with us today.

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