

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Strains, Pains, and Gains

God's Promises

July 25, 2021



## AS WE GATHER

The hymn insists, "God Himself is temple" (LSB 907). This hymn amazing vision of God in the song of the angels, "Holy, holy, holy," causing the prophet to cringe, bow, and kneel at the awesome and fearful presence of God. Today, we bring ourselves with our own fears and hear how Jesus' disciples witnessed their Lord's real presence amid their strains and pains in a boat struggling against the wind. So today for you God is present with healing, forgiveness, and life not in the imagination but in the objective truth of His inspired Word, by your Baptism, and in the taste and touch of His body and blood given and shed for you. You cannot get any more real than that. "Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him."

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** "God Himself Is Present" # 249 or LW 206

**1** God Himself is present:  
Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple;  
All within keep silence;  
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
Him alone  
God we own  
Him our God and Savior;  
Praise His Name forever!

**2** God himself is present:  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear  
To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your church now raises.

**3** Light of light eternal,  
All things penetrating,  
For your rays our soul is waiting.  
As the tender flowers,  
Willingly unfolding,  
To the sun their faces holding;

Even so would we do,  
Light from you obtaining,  
Strength to swerve you gaining.

4 Come celestial being,  
Make our hearts your dwelling,  
Ev-'ry carnal thought dispelling.  
By your Holy Spirit  
Sanctify us truly,  
Teaching us to love you only.  
Where we go Here below,  
Let us bow before you  
And in truth adore you.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

C: **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

P: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5*

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
C: **and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

P: I will extol you, my God and King,  
C: **and bless your name forever and ever.**

P: Every day I will bless you  
C: **and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
C: **and his greatness is unsearchable.**

P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

**C:** and I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

**C:** and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

**C:** and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

## KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 9:8–17* (The covenant of the rainbow)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14–21* (Prayer for spiritual strength)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

All: **Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus walks on water.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Be Still, My Soul" LW 510 only

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide;

In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**2** Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

**3** Be still, my soul: though dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

**4** Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **SERMON**

### **CREED**     *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SOFT MUSIC IS PLAYED AS WE PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.**

**Thank you** for your generous support throughout this difficult time.

**✠ GOD'S PEACE TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ✠**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Eternal Father, O God our Creator and Redeemer, we thank You that You have drawn us to Yourself by the power of Your Word and our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. For Your promises of life and salvation, we give You praise and adoration as our God and Lord. Keep us in steady faith in You, guide our steps in the ways of Your life-giving Word, and make us to be ever more Your people of hope, love, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord Jesus, as You strengthened Your early apostles by Your very presence, so give strength and

courage to church workers who continue in Your service to this day. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and bless their service in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world. Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give healing and comfort, O Lord, to all who are in trouble, danger, or illness. Sustain their courage and faith in Your mighty care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS**

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C:** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\times$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\times$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

**All:** Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **THE BLESSING**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" LBW 557 only

**1** Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

**2** His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a Song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

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