



TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Morning Prayer  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021

We give thanks to the Creator for the Puyallup and Nisqually people  
on whose land this church and many of our homes stand.  
For their wise stewardship of the creation, we offer our gratitude.

Gathering

*After all have gathered, a bell is rung. Silence is kept for a measure of time until all are at rest. The leader stands and with a gesture invites those who are able to stand.*

Leader: O Lord, (+) open our lips.

Assembly: *And our mouths will proclaim your praise.*

Hymn

*Sung to OLD HUNDREDTH ("Praise God from whom all blessings flow")*

O Splendor of God's glory bright,  
O living Spring of light from light:  
Come very Son of truth and love;  
Come with your radiance from above.

Teach us to love with all our might;  
Drive envy out, remove all spite;  
Turn to the good each troubling care,  
And give us grace your Name to bear.

As dawn speeds on across the sky,  
True Dawn, with haste come from on high.  
O Word, through whom light came to be,  
Come in your pow'r and set us free.

All glory be to God Most high;  
To God the Son let praises rise;  
The Spirit blest let us adore  
Forever and forevermore.

The Venite

*The Venite, Psalm 95, always begins Morning Prayer.  
Higher voices and lower voices alternate verses; higher voices begin.*



O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

*Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise.*

For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

*In your hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are also yours.*

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and the dry land, which your hands have formed.

*O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.*

For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture,  
and the sheep of God's hand.

*O that today you would listen to God's voice.*

*All are seated. Silence is kept until all are settled.*

Psalm 148:1-6

*The leader and assembly alternate verses; the leader begins.*

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
give praise in the heights.

*Praise God, all you angels;  
give praise, you hosts of heaven.*

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
give praise, all you shining stars.

*Praise the Lord, you highest heavens,  
and all you waters above the heavens.*  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded and all things were created;  
who established them forever and ever;

who fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Alleluia.

*Silence is kept.*

Psalm 148:7-13

*The leader and assembly alternate verses; the leader begins.*

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind doing God's will.

*Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars.  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds.*

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth.  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together.

*Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name alone is exalted;  
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.*

Collect

*The leader prays the collect.*

Let us pray.

*Silence*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. *Amen.*

Reading I

*A lector proclaims the reading.*

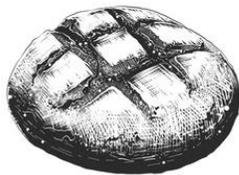
A reading from the second book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Silence is kept.*



Reading II

*A lector proclaims the reading.*

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them,

“It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Silence is kept.*

*All are invited to ponder or pray with a word or phrase from the readings appointed for this day.*

Morning Canticle

*All who are able stand as the leader arises.*

*The leader and assembly alternate verses; the leader begins.*

(+) Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who has come to set the chosen people free.

*The Lord has raised up for us  
a mighty Savior from the house of David.*

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us;

*to show mercy to our forebears  
and to remember the holy covenant.*

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship without fear,  
holy and righteous in the Lord's sight,  
all the days of our life.

*And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in the darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Baptismal Confession

*The leader introduces the confession.*

Let us confess our faith in the God who creates, saves, and sustains us in life.

*I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;*

*He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

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

The Prayers

*An intercessor leads the prayers.*

For the church, O God, we pray. Open your word to Christians around the world. Reveal yourself to us in ways both old and new. Bless our bishops, priests, deacons, and other church leaders as they face their challenging tasks. We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer with hunger, O God, we pray. Inspire the people of this land to be generous in sharing from their abundance and lead us at last to make policies that ensure no one goes hungry in a land of great wealth. We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

For your good earth, O God, we pray. Give to plants and animals the water and land they need. Frustrate the designs of those who would abuse the air, water, and soil that nourish life. Guide us to serve you as healing stewards of your creation.

We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

For the nations, O God, we pray. Direct public leaders to build trust with their people and to resist the path of violence. Stifle the lust for conquest and wealth. Cleanse us of racist attitudes and policies. Lead our public servants to speak with honesty, strive for justice, and alleviate the suffering of many in our nation.

We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

For all who despair, O God, we pray. House the homeless and the refugee. Comfort those afflicted with the coronavirus and strengthen people living with anxiety. Heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Al Buck; Bert Stibbe; Cynthia Anthony; Debbie Oakman; Dixie and Truman; James McGinnis; James Standley; Jim Pierson; Keith Davidson; Karen Pena; Kris and Dominic; Lindsey and Marcus; Lourdes and Kelly; Milana and Doug; Susan and David Cherwien.

We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

For those near death and for our beloved dead, O God, we pray: for Diane Brelsford; Linda Donato; Kathy Russell; and Philip Thirlwell. Console the dying and the grieving with the promise of your never-failing presence. Enlighten us with the light of the resurrection.

We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, and all the saints, we commend our lives, the lives of those we love, and the lives of all those who suffer throughout our land and world to your great mercy.

We pray: *Turn to us, O God, and hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

Concluding Collect

Great God our Redeemer,  
visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us,  
that we may hurry to make you welcome

not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

#### Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, (+) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*



**Monday, July 26, 2021**

The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr

Jeremiah 45:1-5 | Psalm 7:1-10 | Acts 11:27-12:3 | Matthew 20:20-28

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-giving service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.