



**Sunday August 7, 2022 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost -
Ordinary Time**

10 am Liturgy of the Word, S. Kay Young, Homilist

Prelude

Opening Processional Hymn #636 - "How Firm A Foundation"

Greeting

Collect for Purity: (let us say together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria (let us sing together) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

Collect for today: (let us say together)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading from Hebrew scriptures: Genesis 15:1-6

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." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But 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." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People

Thanks be to God

Psalms 33:12-22 - Exultate, justi (say together)

**¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

**¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**

**¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.**

**¹⁵ He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**

**¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.**

Second Lesson from the Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By 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.

By 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. By 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. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By 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. Therefore, 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."

All 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, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But 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.

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Gospel Hymn #401 -- "God of Abraham Praise"

A Reading from the Gospel of St Luke 12:32-40 ***Glory to you Lord Christ***

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell 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. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be 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. Blessed 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. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But 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. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**This is the gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ**

Homily

S. Kay Young

The Nicene Creed (*Let us say together*)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form III, found on p. 387 in the BCP red prayer book
The responses are in the prayer book

Confession: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Let us say together)*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Lord's Prayer *(let us sing together)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And 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. Amen.**

Prayer for St. Martin's *(let us say together)*

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love, that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen

The Peace *(please stay in your pew)*

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Announcements

Concluding Hymn #470 -- "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Dismissal

- Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia
- **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia**