



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
RENEWAL OF VOWS FOR BILL AND DELLA THOMPSON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022, 10:30AM

WELCOME TO THE “ORDINARY TIME” OF PENTECOST!

There are six liturgical seasons in the church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost or “ordinary time.” The term “ordinary time” is not used in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), but the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time.

In the church year “ordinary” does not mean “regular.” Instead it refers to the word “ordinal” as in “ordinal numbers.” (first, second, third, fourth, etc.) This is the time of year when we count the Sundays as they go by. It is the season of growth in our faith and relationship with God and one another.

COLORS

The liturgical color for the season—green—signifies growth.

SEATING

Our seating for the season of Pentecost returns to a position in which we gently face toward one another as we look for the movement of the Spirit in the midst of our community, our lives, and our very selves.

THE LECTIONARY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lectionary is an ordered system for reading the Holy Scriptures at the Eucharist. The Episcopal Church typically uses the Revised Common Lectionary, as do Roman Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations. There are three years—A, B and C—to the lectionary cycle. We are in Year C.

During the long green season after Pentecost, churches can choose one of two “tracks” (or strands) for the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) readings. Once a track is chosen, it should be used throughout the entire season.

The first track from Hebrew Scripture follows major stories and themes, read continuously from week to week. In Year C, we read from the later prophets. The second track of readings follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Hebrew Scripture with the Gospel reading, often using a foretelling of Jesus Christ life and Ministry.

This Pentecost, St. Francis will use **track one** which follows the major and minor prophets Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel and Habbakuk.

BACKGROUND TO TODAY’S READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

We continue with the work and message of Jeremiah today. This passage is the letter he wrote to the Jews who had been taken away into exile in Babylon. They are urged to settle, raise families, and to work for the good of the city where they now live. This they did and became prosperous and some of them became important people in the kingdom of Babylon.

PRELUDE

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING ARR. ERIC L. CARLSON

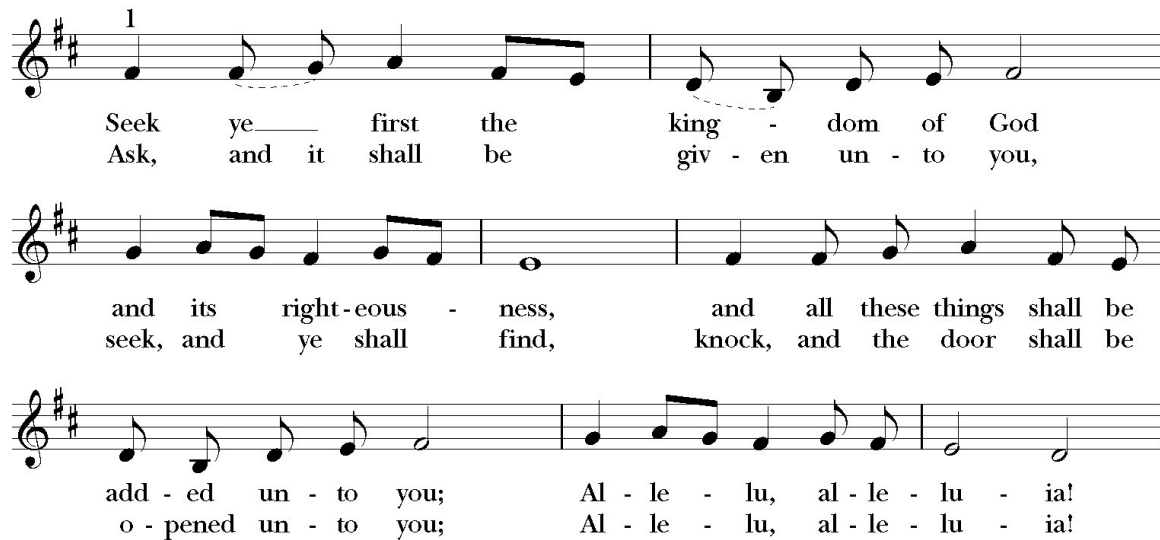
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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1



Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
 add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATIONS *Standing*

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Beloved, let us love one another,

People **For love is of God.**

Presider Whoever does not love does not know God.

People **For God is love.**

Presider Since God so loves us,
People **Let us love one another.**

Presider Dear friends in Christ
in the name of God and the Church
we have come together today with
Bill and Della
as they reaffirm their commitment to one another.

Forsaking all others,
they will renew their covenant of mutual fidelity and steadfast love,
remaining true to one another in heart, body, and mind,
as long as they both shall live.

Let us pray, then, that God will give them the strength
to remain steadfast in what they vow this day.
Let us also pray for the generosity
to support them in the commitment they undertake
and for the wisdom to see God at work in their life together.

People **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, faithful and true,
whose steadfast love endures for ever;
we give you thanks for sustaining Bill and Della in the life they share
and for bringing them to this day.

Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together,
continuing the good work you have begun in them;
and grant us, with them, a dwelling place eternal in the heavens
where all your people will share the joy of perfect love,
and where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah. 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

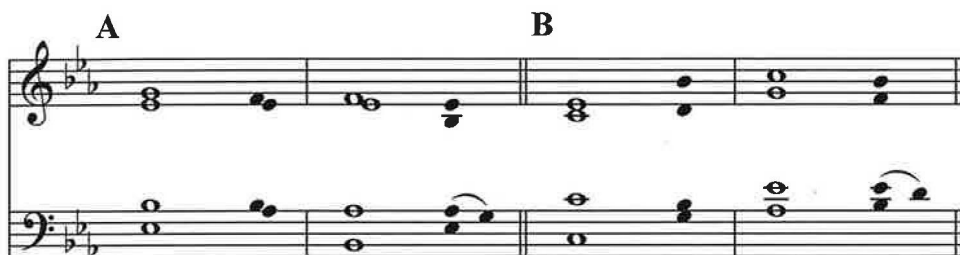
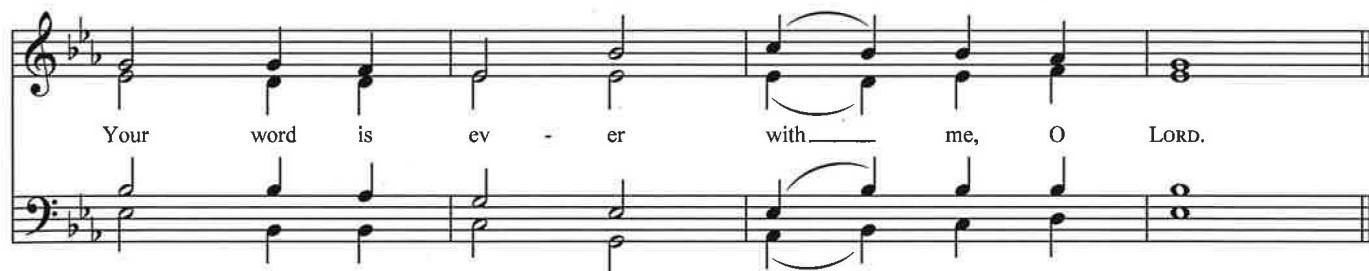
"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



All are invited to sing the antiphon and the verses.

- 97 Oh, how I love your / law!
all the day long it is in my / mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my / enemies,
and it is always / with me. **ANTIPHON**
- 99 I have more understanding than all my / teachers,
for your decrees are my / study.
- 100 I am wiser than the / elders,
because I observe your com/mandments. **ANTIPHON**
- 101 I restrain my feet from every / evil way,
that I may keep your / word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your / judgments,
because you yourself have / taught me. **ANTIPHON**
- 103 How sweet are your words to my / taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my / mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain under/standing;
therefore I hate every lying / way. **ANTIPHON**

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON *Stand* IF YOU BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE

WLP 8o6

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

THE GOSPEL

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. 18:1-8

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

DR. MICHAEL BOOKER

After the sermon, silence is kept for a time.

THE WITNESSING OF THE VOWS AND THE BLESSING OF THE COVENANT

Presider Bill and Della,
you have come before God and the Church to
renew solemn vows with one another and to ask
God's blessing.

The Presider addresses each member of the couple in turn, saying

Presider _____, do you freely and unreservedly
offer yourself to _____?

Answer I do.

Presider Will you continue to live together in faithfulness and
holiness of life as long as you both shall live?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Presider Will all of you gathered to witness these vows do all in your power to uphold and honor this couple in the covenant they make?

People **We will.**

Presider Will you pray for them, especially in times of trouble, and celebrate with them in times of joy?

People **We will.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: Then let us pray for Bill and Della in their life together and for the concerns of this community.

After each prayer, all say, "Hear our prayer."

Presider: Holy One, we bring our prayers to you, confident that you hear them; sure that you know even those prayers for which we do not yet have words. And all of these come to you through your Child, Jesus Christ, and the living Spirit that blows among us.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSINGS OF THE COUPLE

Presider Let us pray.

Most gracious God,
we praise you for the tender mercy and unfailing care
revealed to us in Jesus the Christ
and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us
in the gift of human love.
We give you thanks for Bill and Della,
and the covenant of faithfulness they have made.
Pour out the abundance of your Holy Spirit upon them.
Keep them in your steadfast love;
protect them from all danger
fill them with your wisdom and peace;
lead them in holy service to each other and the world.

God, the holy and undivided Trinity,
bless, preserve, and keep you,
and mercifully grant you rich and boundless grace
that you may please God in body and soul.
God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity
manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior,
and bring you at last to the delight of the heavenly banquet,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We invite you to extend the peace of God to those in the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Sit*

STEWARDSHIP TALK

KATIE JONES

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

We return with thanksgiving the gifts God has given us. This includes bread and wine of the earth and financial offerings from our labor. Representatives of the congregation bring these to the common Eucharistic table.

OFFERTORY

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

LEVAS 178

HANDBELL DUET

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief.
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

DOXOLOGY

The following is sung as ushers present the offerings. Please stand.

H 380

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty Creator of heaven and earth, because in the giving of two people to each other in faithful love you reveal the joy and abundant life you share with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

LEVAS 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People

Therefore, according to his command,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN

LEVAS 233

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

FRACTION ANTHEM

LEVAS 269

Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Our bread is gluten-, dairy- and nut-free. This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. If you choose not to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your heart to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDIN' IN THE NEED OF PRAYER

LEVAS 177

It's me, it's me, O Lord, — Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—

— It's me, it's me, O Lord, — Stand-in' in the need of prayer. — **Fine**

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord, —
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord, —
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord, —
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord, —

1. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's
2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's
3. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's
4. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's

D.C.

1. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
2. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
3. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —
4. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After all have received communion the Presider says

Presider Let us pray.

People **God our strength and joy,
we thank you for the communion of our life together,
for the example of holy love that you give us in
Bill and Della,
and for the Sacrament of the Body and Blood
of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that it may renew our hope
and nourish us for the work you set before us
to witness to the presence of Christ in the world,
through the power of your Spirit,
and to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

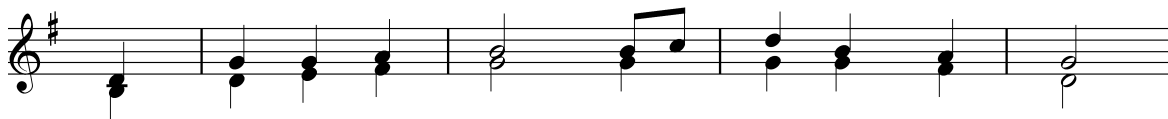
BLESSING

Presider May the God of love
give you peace at all times and in every way.
And the blessing of the
One, Holy and Undivided Trinity
remain with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

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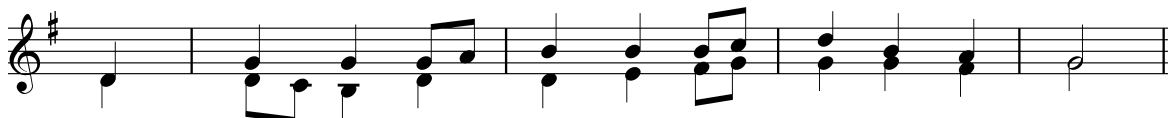
1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

DISMISSAL

Presider Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

FUGUE #5

CRAIG PENFIELD