Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, September 6, 2020
Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People    And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Celebrant and People

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord; you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from Ezekiel (33:7-11)

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader    The Word of the Lord.
People    Thanks be to God.
Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading from Romans (13:8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:15-20)

*People*   Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Celebrant*   The Gospel of the Lord.
*People*   Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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.
The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father: You sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to show us what it means to set aside our selfishness and live life in service to others. Strengthen us on this journey of faith we pray, and give us grace, that we take up the crosses we are called to bear and follow you.

Empower the Church around the world, and look with kindness on this parish family. Together may we declare your love to all people. Bless and protect our bishops, priests and Deacons.

Teach us to rejoice in the gifts of your creation, and stir up in us a desire to honor and protect all that you have made. Be very near our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Laura; as they count all that is lost, may they know your love as something that will never be taken away.

We pray for victims of violence, for those who suffer at the hand of racism, for refugees and all displaced persons, and for those who work for justice, peace and the protection of others.

We pray for the poor, the lonely, and those who are afraid. Show us meaningful ways to help those who lack the basic necessities of life, and teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Bring healing to the sick, anyone suffering in body or mind or spirit. We lift up especially: For all those who have asked for our prayers—may they put their trust in you and may they never be afraid.

We remember all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Especially: Gather them to that heavenly country you have prepared for us all.

We lift up our friends celebrating birthdays this week, especially: Bless them on their special day.

Set us free to serve in your name, O Lamb of God, and bind us together by the Holy Spirit, in the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, St. Patrick our Patron, and all your Saints.

The Celebrant adds the concluding Collect.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we, and the whole creation, might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.
The Celebrant says

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Hymn “Lord Jesus Christ” Taize

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper Preface is said.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.***

*A period of silence is kept.*

Blessed Lord Christ, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love and adore you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come to us spiritually in our hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you. Never permit us to be separated from you. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the People.*

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*  
Thanks be to God.

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**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God**  
In loving memory of Dale Willingham by Judy Willingham

**Video Presentation**

Following the service, there will be a presentation called “September Anniversaries and Birthdays.”

**Guest Musicians**

Brandi Amadio Nolish and Denys Gorski Daigle

Denys Daigle is a long-time resident of Charlotte, and native of Long Island, NY. Denys began studying violin at the age of ten and has double majors in English Literature/Rhetoric and Music Performance. Once in NC, Denys expanded her playing repertoire to include classical, rock and folk, as well as proudly performing with local ensembles such as Musically Yours, Fourth Creek Band, Lake Norman Philharmonic, Longleaf Trio, and Kevin Brawley, as well as in worship with churches in the area.

Brandi Amadio Nolish started her musical journey in Tarpon Springs, FL in 1990. Her path has taken her to Hartford & Storrs, CT, Cleveland & Columbus, OH, and Huntersville, NC. Brandi has performed all genres of music, in a variety of groups, most notably with the Central Ohio and Lima Sympathies, and most recently with Musically Yours.