

Family Worship

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: The Rev. Molly Finlay

Leader: Lo Cook

Pianist: Edward Cockerton

via Zoom or Dial-In



Welcome and Gathering of the Community



Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

(CP 415)

Refrain All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. *Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall. *Refrain*



The Collect

Leader Together, let us pray.

All 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Reading

Genesis 1:29, 2:2-3

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Reading

Hebrews 4:4-11

Reader

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “On the seventh day God rested from all his works.” And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.” Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience, God again set a certain day, calling it “Today.” This he did when a long time later he spoke through David, as in the passage already quoted: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.



Reflection: The Rev. Molly Finlay



What We Believe

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



Invitation to Christian Stewardship

We at St John the Baptist Norway give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts. Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the world, both locally and globally.

We invite you to contribute financially as you are able to the life and ministry of the parish. Instructions for submitting contributions can be found on our website.

Leader Together let us pray.

All Dear God, thank you for all that you give us.
We faithfully give back to you just a portion of what you bless us with. Thank you for teaching us to be generous and for giving us grateful hearts. Amen.



Prayers of the People, Led by Nina Brandford



**Prayer of Thanksgiving for
Lo Cook's Summer Placement**



The Confession

Leader Beloved in Christ, Jesus the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

All **We confess to you, Heavenly Father, how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes. Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts. Show us how we can only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit so we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Prayer of Pardon

Leader Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All **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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**



The Blessing

Announcements



Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(CP 425)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.



The Dismissal

Leader So now go in peace, remember the poor, be kindly affectioned one to another!

All **Thanks be to God.**

