



ST. SIMON'S  
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CHURCH

CONYERS, GEORGIA

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 7, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on *The Solid Rock*

arranged by Alice Jordan

### OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 636 “How firm a foundation”

*Foundation*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

To God Be the Glory

Malcolm Archer  
*The Ashgrove*

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To God be the glo - ry, all glo - ry in the  
Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got - ten of the

high - est and peace to his peo - ple who dwell here be - low, Our  
Fa - ther we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The

hea - v'n - ly Fa - ther, our Lord, and our sov - 'reign, to  
sin of the world you have tak - en up - on you, have

you, the Al - migh - ty, our prai - ses be - stow. We wor ship and a -  
mer - cy up - on us, the Great I AM. For ho - ly, you

do re you, we bow here be - fore you with grate - ful thanks - gi - ving, our  
meet us, yet low - ly you greet us, the Lord in the high est, the

song let us raise. All glo - ry and hon - our and glad a - do -  
Ho - ly One. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, the Son and the

- ra - tion to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.  
Spi - rit, From a - ges ev - er - last - ing, the Three in One.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 (*sung by the congregation*)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

THE SECOND READING: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

LEVAS 99 "On Christ the solid rock"

*Solid Rock*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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

Do not be afraid, children of Abraham; God, your God, is your shield. So, let us approach our God, saying, "Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us; we put our trust in you."

As your Church, we confess that we are strangers seeking a homeland. Do not be ashamed to call yourself our God and make us worthy of that heavenly city you have prepared for us.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

Mighty God, you behold all of the people in the world. May all tribes and nations come to understand that our strength is not found in violence or weapons but in the power of your love.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

Creator God, you are the one who made the stars of heaven and the sand by the seashore. We bless and honor you for the gifts of creation.

*The congregation may add their prayers of thanksgiving.*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

Defend the orphans, O God; rescue the oppressed; show compassion to those who feel lonely or isolated. And let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

Comfort and heal the sick and the sorrowful. May they know that you are their help and shield. Deliver them from all fear and help them to trust in your righteousness.

*The congregation may add their petitions.*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. We praise you, God, that those who have died are welcomed home, where they will dwell with all men and women of faith in the city you have prepared for them.

*Silence*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;  
**We put our trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

“Give me oil in my lamp”

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.  
 Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.  
 Keep me burning till the break of day.

**Refrain:**

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
 sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
 Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
 sing hosanna to the King!

2 Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.  
 Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
 Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.  
 Keep me sharing till the break of day.

**(Refrain)**

3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.  
 Give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.  
 Keep me singing till the break of day.

**(Refrain)**

4 Give me faith in my heart, keep me  
 praying.  
 Give me faith in my heart, I pray.  
 Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.  
 Keep me praying till the break of day.

**(Refrain)**

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymnal 380, v.3 "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"

*Old 100th*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

*The Celebrant continues*

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, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

**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

BCP 364

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

*Schmücke dich*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

**Almighty and everliving God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food**  
**of the most precious Body and Blood**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;**  
**and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**  
**that we are living members of the Body of your Son,**  
**and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**  
**And now, Father, send us out**  
**to do the work you have given us to do,**  
**to love and serve you**  
**as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**  
**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 68 “Rejoice! Rejoice, believers “

*L. Langloffan*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G Major

J. S. Bach

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We continue to remember our Priest-in-charge, Jane, in our prayers.  
She will return to us from sabbatical on September 11th.

**The Rev. Canon Liz Hendrick**

Mother Liz came to the priesthood as a second career, first working in hospital laboratories as a medical technologist, and then in medical laboratory diagnostics in marketing and strategic planning. Her call to priesthood sent her to Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. She was ordained priest in January, 2009.

Prior to retirement, Liz served as rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Snellville, the American Cathedral in Paris, in France, and All Saints by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara, California. She is an honorary canon of the American Cathedral in Paris. Now that she is retired from full time parish ministry, Mother Liz stays busy playing with her golden retriever Penny, volunteering with the Atlanta Symphony Associates, attending classical concerts, reading, and serving as a chaplain to Gwinnett County Police and the Snellville Police Department.

Liz hails from Central Florida but has lived in Massachusetts, New Jersey, California, Texas, England, and France. Prior to being ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, Liz worked in medical diagnostics, first as a sales representative and later in product marketing and strategic planning.

Liz moved to Georgia at the end of 2014 to become rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Snellville. She retired from full time parish ministry in 2021, which now allows her time to read, take long walks with her golden retriever, Penny, brush up on her golf game, and attend the symphony! What drew her to join the ASA is the work that is done to introduce children to classical music. Along with the ASA, Liz serves as a volunteer chaplain with two police departments, on the Alumni Steering Committee of Seminary of the Southwest, and recently became active as a volunteer with Golden Retriever Rescue of Atlanta. Liz was married to Ray Hendrick for eleven years before his death in 1989.

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