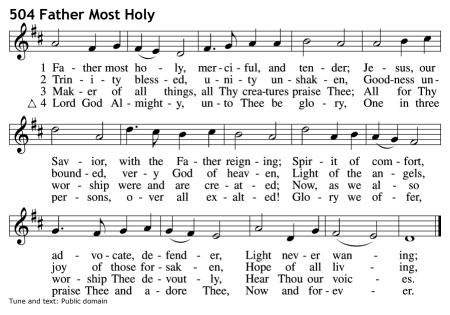
# Ninth Sunday after Trinity: August 1, 2021



## Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5

Behold, God is my | helper;\*

the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,\* and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;\*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\* they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

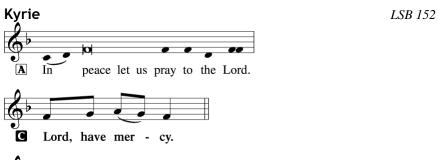
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is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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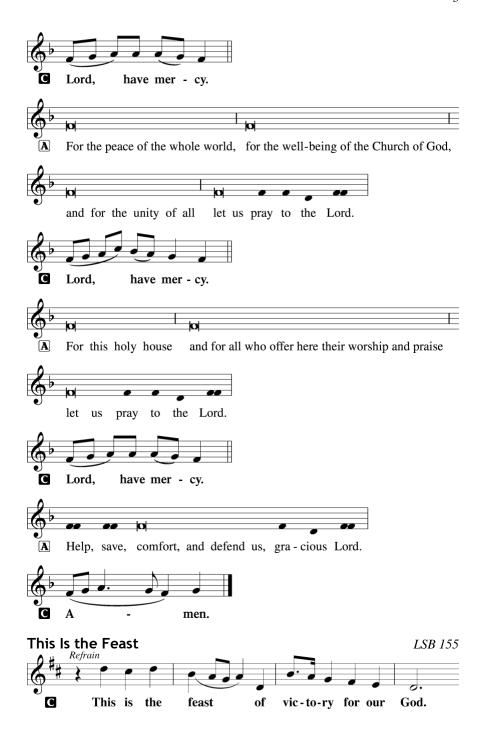
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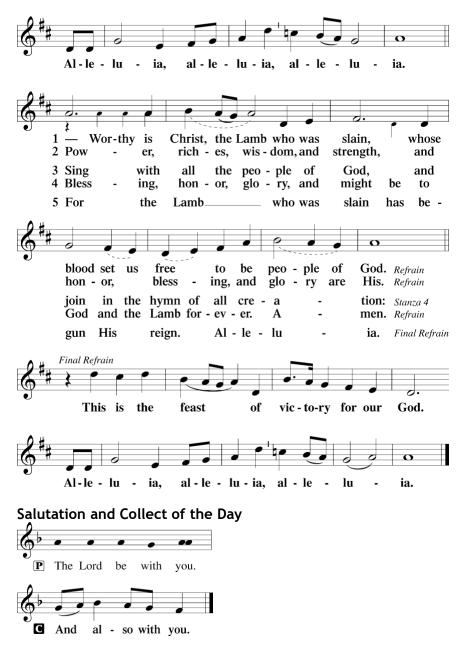
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A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





P Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

2 Samuel 22:26-34

<sup>26</sup>"With the merciful you show yourself merciful;

with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,

and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,

but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,

and my God lightens my darkness.

<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,

and by my God I can leap over a wall.

<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;

the word of the LORD proves true;

he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

<sup>32</sup>"For who is God, but the LORD?

And who is a rock, except our God?

<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge

and has made my way blameless.

<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 8:1

O | LORD, our Lord,\*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory\*
above the | heavens.

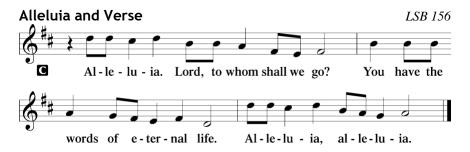
### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has

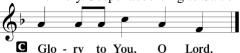
overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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- C Thanks be to God.



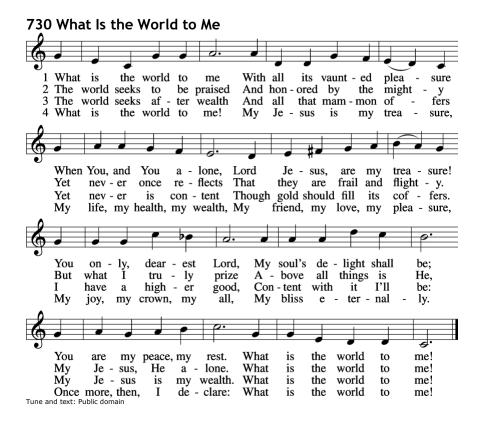
Holy Gospel John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."





#### Sermon

#### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

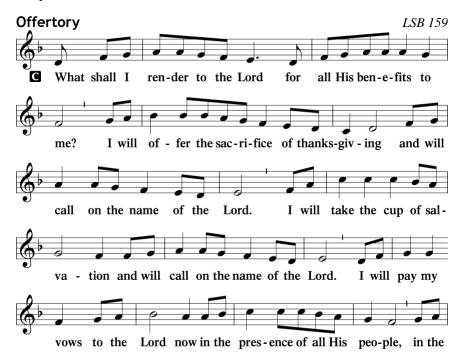
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\top$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church



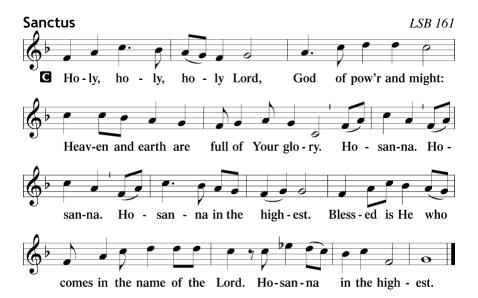


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

# Service of the Sacrament

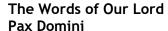


P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

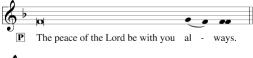


## Lord's Prayer

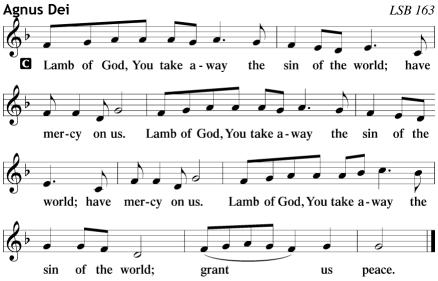
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

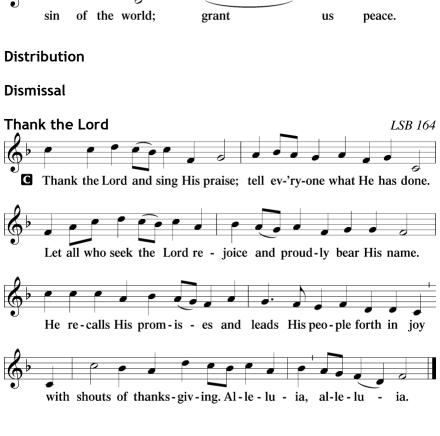












### **Post-Communion Collect**

### A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.



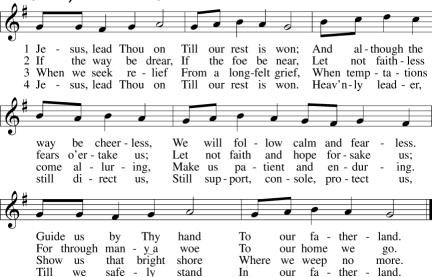
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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