



**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Sunday, July 25, 2021 – 8:00 AM

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First Lesson 2 Samuel 11:1-15

¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' ⁴So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

⁶ So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' ¹¹Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' ¹²Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

Psalm 14

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- ¹ The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- ² The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
- ³ Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- ⁵ See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- ⁶ Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- ⁷ Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd

coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Brad St. Romain

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Collect for Rector Search

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry, and parish family of St. Augustine's to be of one heart and mind in our search for a rector who will worship in our midst, become part of our parish family, and guide us in spiritual growth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

School Supplies

It's that time again! Our partners in mission have requested a few supplies. They are in need of pencils, highlighters, headphones/earbuds, Expo markers, glue sticks, backpacks (regular and mesh), and red or grey sweatshirts without hoods. Items can be brought to the Resource Center and will be delivered to Bissonet on August 9th. Call Susan Scotton for questions, (504) 258-6648.

The Bishop is Coming!

Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Morris Thompson will visit St. Augustine's on Sunday, August 29th for the 10:30 service. If you or someone you know is interested in being Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church on that day, please contact Fr. Brad as soon as possible so that preparations can be made.

Ushers Needed

We still need volunteers! If you'd like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Don Greco at (504) 887-4387 or email dongreco@bellsouth.net.

Sunday Christian Formation

The Chosen continues this week with episode 6, "Indescribable Compassion." There will be no Christian Formation next Sunday, August 1.



The Episcopal Diocese of LOUISIANA

A Message from Bishop Thompson

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you are finding ways to refresh your lives this summer. With all we have been through, it is important for us to step back a bit and inhale deeply a breath of sustenance. No doubt you have heard the rising numbers of the Delta variant of COVID19. While we have made great strides, we are not out of the woods. There are new areas of concern. Therefore, I want to revisit some protocols.

We suggest (not mandating) wearing masks in church, especially if you are:

- a. over 65 years of age
- b. under 12 years of age
- c. have never been vaccinated

The previous guidelines will continue in place. Please review them. You may find them on the EDOLA website.

I want to strongly encourage all members of the Diocese, if you have not, to get vaccinated. Studies show being vaccinated is our best defense against COVID. Our goal is to care for one another. Let us all do our part in caring for our neighbor.

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr.
Bishop of Louisiana