

***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019
Holy Eucharist, Rite II***

Processional	<i>Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers</i>	Hymn #68
Opening Acclamation	<i>The Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity		insert
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>		S-280
The Collect of the Day		insert
First Reading	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	insert
Psalm	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	insert
Second Reading	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel</i>	H #574
The Gospel	Luke 12:32-40	insert
The Sermon	the Rev. Eric N. Zile	
The Nicene Creed		BCP-358
Prayers of the People, Form I		BCP-383
Confession and Absolution		BCP-360
The Peace		BCP-360
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>Come Down, O Love Devine</i>	by Dietterich
At the Presentation	Doxology	H #380 (v.3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP-367
<i>Sanctus</i>		S-129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	WLP #866
Communion Hymns		
	<i>If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	H #635
	<i>Come, Risen Lord, and deign to be our Guest</i>	H #306
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-365
Recessional	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	H #401
Dismissal		BCP-366
	<i>The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our brother, George Michael George, given by his sisters, Toonie Waddell & Bootsey George.</i>	

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Eric N. Zile
Acolyte	Paul McAbee
Lectors	Dee Crusoe & Paul McAbee
Prayers	Kristin Anderson
Greeters	Steve Watkins & Karen Brown
Chalice	John & Dee Crusoe
Healing	Kristin Anderson
Music	Martha Gherardi
Flowers	Dee Crusoe
Altar Guild	T. McLain & Aglaia Dolan
Hospitality	EfM

Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

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WAITING

According to our gospel, we are each called to be waiting for an encounter with God, alert and ready for whatever comes, whenever it comes, as unexpected as it may be. The psalmist tells us that “Our God will come and not keep silence”, that the Holy Presence is “a consuming fire” to burn away

the dross in our lives, in the world around us, along with “a raging storm” with the wind of the Holy Spirit to blow away the ash leaving us clean, prepared for new life, “enabled to live according to [God’s] will” as our Collect for today puts it.

We generally are not a patient people; we want and, in 2019, expect instant gratification, not merely at the press of a button, but at our word issued to our electronic devices. We seldom are willing to wait in line for anything, unless it

might be the newest iPhone or the wildly popular Christmas toy for our child—the prize must be worth it in our eyes. Is the Holy Presence worth it? Those who have experienced it testify that it is, far beyond our words to describe.

The Beloved comes when we are ready for the experience, when our hearts are overflowing with desire to know God in our deepest being, when the eyes and ears of our hearts are open to accept what the encounter may hold for us, when we are content to wait for God’s perfect timing in all things, trusting the Holy One to enfold us in blessed peace as we wait. In my experience, the encounter comes right out of the blue, when I least expect it, in the midst of the circumstances and situations of my life here and now. Keeping alert enables us to discover the “consuming fire . . . and raging storm” prepared for us.

Pat Horn, Author

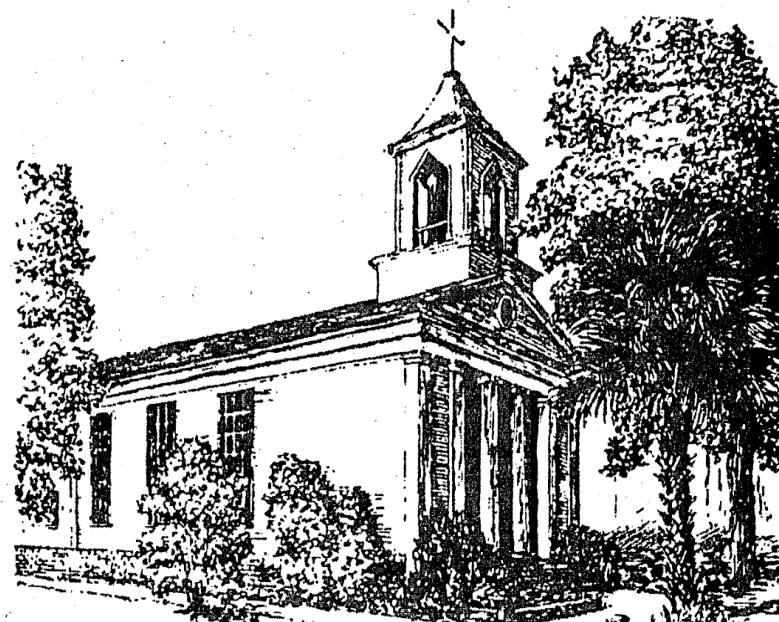
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