

Worship Service  
Proper 13, 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Theme: **"God who know our guilt, hears our confession and gives us peace."**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S CHILDREN**

Gathering Songs: "Create in me a Clean Heart O God" (Inspired by Psalm 51)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
Take not Thy holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
And renew a right spirit within me.

"Hear My Cry O God" (Inspired by Psalm 61)

Hear my cry O Lord attend unto my prayer  
From the ends of the earth will I cry out to Thee.  
when my heart is overwhelmed,  
Lead me to the Rock,  
that is higher than I,  
That is higher than I.

For Thou hast been a shelter for me,  
And a strong tower, from the enemy.  
when my heart is overwhelmed,  
Lead me to the Rock,  
that is higher than I,  
That is higher than I.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 32)

God has promised to be our hiding place and to always protect us.  
**We come to worship God, and to give thanks for God's great promises.**

God has promised to guide you along the best pathway for your life  
**We come to give our thanks and praise for all God's guidance.**

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God has promised I will advise you and watch over you and God will surround those who trust in God with unfailing love" and songs of victory  
**We come to offer to God our thankful prayers and songs of joyful celebration—because we are forgiven, freed from our past mistakes; and can start again. Amen.**

\*Song of Praise: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted You were condemned  
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died And rose again

**Amazing love How can it be  
That You my King Would die for me  
Amazing love I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You**

You are my King You are my King  
Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

**CHORUS**

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God's Greeting (*from 2 Corinthians 13:14*):

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Prayer of Invocation and Confession in Word and Song: (**Inspired by Psalm 32**)

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*Refrain:*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
Your mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning,  
new every morning:  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness!

*L: Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord,  
for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions  
and joy in exchange for heavy hearts.  
You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled  
and the courage we need when we venture into our days.  
Bless us today with Your steadfast love  
as we declare our trust in You. Amen.*

***R: Lord, I crossed a line I never thought I would.  
I made a choice I never thought I could. I messed up—big time.  
Then, regretful and remorseful, I hid my crime.  
I determined to not come clean.  
My lips and tongue would not confess what my heart and hands had  
done. But the tighter my lips grew, the more toxic the guilt became.  
The secret became a burden I could not bear.  
Fearful and frustrated, I admitted my crime.  
I confessed my deed. I owned up to every despicable detail.  
And you forgave. You did not hold it against me.  
Rather than sentence me, you saved me.  
And now, I rejoice. I sing of your steadfast love.***

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Words of Assurance (inspired by Psalm 32:1-2):

What joy for those whose wrongs have been forgiven,  
who no longer lie to themselves or others,  
and whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

What joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of sin,  
whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

Song of commitment: I Surrender

Here I am Down on my knees again  
Surrendering all Surrendering all  
Find me here Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You, Desperate for You

Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst  
With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now Speak to me now

**I surrender I surrender**

**I want to know You more I want to know You more (repeat chorus)**

*Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me*

**Chorus**

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A Time of Sharing with the Youth

Youth Song: "They'll know we are Christians by our love"

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**WE SHARE IN GOD'S WORD**

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Prayer for Understanding

Psalm 32

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "The Power of God's Forgiveness"

Text: Psalm 32

**Theme: "God who know our guilt, hears our confession and gives us peace."**

**Sermon Theme: "The Power of God's forgiveness"**

- 1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**
- 2 Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- 3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up <sup>as</sup> as by the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah***
- 6 Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, <sup>as</sup> the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.**
- 7 You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.**
- 10 Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

**1<sup>1</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

There are seven Psalms of penitence in the Bible and psalm 32 is the second one. (Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143)

Psalm 32 is based on a case of experience reported in verses 3-5 where the Psalmist tells about the torment he suffered when he was silent and the forgiveness he received when he acknowledged his sin to the Lord.

Psalm 32 though it doesn't speak of Christ directly has a great deal of gospel in it. The apostle tells us that David, in this psalm, describes "the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputes righteousness without works," [Rom. 4:6](#) . We have here a summary,

I. Of gospel grace in the pardon of sin ([v. 1](#), [v. 2](#)), in divine protection ([v. 7](#)), and divine guidance ([v. 8](#)).

**1<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**

**2<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**7<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

**8<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

II. Of gospel duty. To confess sin ([v. 3-5](#)),

**3<sup>3</sup> While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

**4<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up<sup>[a]</sup> as by the heat of summer.*Selah***

**5<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;**

III. to pray ([v. 6](#)),

***Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress,<sup>[b]</sup> the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.***

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IV. to govern ourselves well ([v. 9, v. 10](#)), and  
**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.**  
**10 Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

V. to rejoice in God ([v. 11](#)).  
**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

A psalm of David giving instruction on what we must do that we may be happy. There are several things in which these verses instruct us. In general, we are here taught that our happiness consists in the favour of God, and not in the wealth of this world—in spiritual blessings, and not the good things of this world. When David says ([Ps. 1:1](#)), **Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, and ([Ps. 119:1](#)), Blessed are the undefiled in the way**, the meaning is, "This is the character of the blessed man; and he that has not this character cannot expect to be happy:" but when it is here said, Blessed is the man whose iniquity is forgiven, the meaning is, "This is the ground of his blessedness: this is that fundamental privilege from which all the other ingredients of his blessedness flow." Amen.

Song of Response: "The Power of your Love"

Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed, renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the power of Your love.

Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side.

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And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the power of Your love.

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me.  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living every day  
by the power of Your love.

**WE BRING OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

The Prayers of God's People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** BoP #79

**WE GO OUT UNITED IN FAITH AND PURPOSE**

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: "Freely, Freely" #774