

## Introduction

**ALL: I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. I declare in the midst of this assembly of believers that I am truly sorry for having offended God in any way. I ask you, my brothers and sisters, all the angels and the saints to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

**Glory to **God** in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
You are the One God, Sovereign of the universe,**

**Only Holy God, we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

****Lord Jesus Christ**, the only begotten Son of God,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of God:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord of all,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

****with the Holy Spirit**, in the glory of the  
Holy Unity of God. Amen.**

**First Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 130

25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. 26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 19:8-14** Our response is The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them,  
Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant;  
let it not rule over me.

Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

**Second Reading:** James 5:1-6 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 231

5 Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. 2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. 4 Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

The Gospel Reading is Mark 9:38-49 a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel reading. It is on page 45 in the back of your NRSV Bible. Rise if you are comfortable and let's sing the Gospel Acclamation.

**Reader:** Truly present among us, the Lord is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Reader:** A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord. May the Word of God be  
in our (+) minds that we will understand it,  
on our (+) lips that we will speak it, and  
in our (+) hearts that we will love it.**

**Another Exorcist**

38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 Whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

## **Temptations to Sin**

42 “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

**Reader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Congratulations to Christina Benedict – McLaughlin for her completion of the Certified Nurses Aid program and for being hired as a CNA right out of the course of study. Christina scored a 98% on her written State Exam and 100% on her clinical State Exam. To God be the glory.

Congratulations to Kaiden Rae Benedict formally known as Kenneth Richard Ryan for completing the second major step in Kaiden’s transition – the orchiectomy performed at Upstate Medical Center on this last Wednesday. Kaiden is feeling great and there were no complications after the surgery. To God be the glory.

Happy Birthday to Cheryl on this past Thursday September 23

**Women’s March in Seneca Falls October 2, 2021 10:00 AM Protest and Rally to Defend U.S. Reproductive Rights at Women's Rights National Historic Park**

136 Fall St, Seneca Falls, NY 13148-1517, United States

<https://www.facebook.com/WomenMarchSenecaFalls/>

<http://www.womenmarchsenecafalls.org/>

“A virtual death sentence’:Gay Afghans brace for uncertain future under Taliban. LGBTQ Afghans and their advocates fear the return of Taliban rule will mean the application of severe penalties for homosexuality.” ( <https://www.nbcnews.com/nbc-out/out-news/-virtual-death-sentence-gay-afghans-brace-uncertain-future-taliban-rcna1779> )

“Angry and afraid, Afghanistan’s LGBTQ community say they’re being hunted down after Taliban takeover.”  
(<https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/17/middleeast/afghanistan-lgbtq-evacuation-intl-hnk-dst/index.html> )

## China's media cracks down on 'effeminate' styles

By Beth Timmins (<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-58394906?piano-modal> )

## China Bans Effeminate Men and Abnormal Esthetics From TV

- [Julienna Law](#)  
September 2, 2021 <https://jingdaily.com/little-fresh-meat-sissy-men-china/>

## A Fiery Debate Over 'Sissies' Vs. Macho Men In China's Social Media

(<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/09/30/651508895/a-fiery-debate-over-sissies-vs-macho-men-in-china-s-social-media> )

## White House condemns border guard use of whip-like cord against Haitian migrants

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-homeland-security-chief-heads-border-removal-migrant-camp-accelerates-2021-09-20/>

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### + We Invoke the Blessing Of The Holy Spirit

**Pastor:** Here at Ray Of Hope Church, everyone prays together to ask the Holy Spirit to give to us the exact same gifts that Jesus gave when He instituted Holy Communion for His Church. At this time I invite you to extend your hands forward over the bread and fruit of the vine, or extend your arms out with palms turned up in prayer and say the following Invocation of the Holy Spirit with me.

**ALL:** O God, in the Name of Jesus, we, your faithful people, ask your Only One and Holy Spirit to bless and separate this bread and fruit of the vine for Christ's purpose. Through the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, give to us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in precisely the exact same manner that He gave them, and commissioned us to do often in His Holy Name. You alone, O Loving, True God, authenticate for us that this is the Messiah, Christ, New Covenant Meal that Jesus instituted for our Spiritual and physical well-being. We ask this in the Name of Jesus. Amen

### + The Words Of The Institution Of The Holy Eucharist

**Pastor:** Please lower your hands now. Please lift at this time the Eucharistic Body Of Christ, the Bread of Salvation and together we will say aloud our Lord and Saviour's words of institution when he gave us the Blessed Sacrament.

**ALL: Before He was given up to death, a death He freely accepted,  
He took the bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you. Do this in memory of me.**

**(\*\* pause for adoration\*\*) (\*\*you may bow or genuflect if you choose to\*\*)**

**Pastor: Please set down the Bread of Life. Please lift now, the cup of salvation. Now, for the cup we say aloud:**

**ALL: When the supper was ended, He took the cup. Again He gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

**(\*\* pause for adoration\*\*) (\*\*you may bow or genuflect if you choose to\*\*)**

**Pastor: Please set down the Cup of Salvation.**

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**Oh, My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I welcome you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.**

**Pastor:** The Lord is with you!

**ALL: And also with you!**

**Pastor:** (a prayer is said) .... In the Name of God, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen**

**ALL: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**(Romans 15:13)**

**Pastor:** We go forth in peace and love to serve the Lord ...

**ALL: ... on our journey into renewal, fresh beginnings, new possibilities, and a renewed embrace of our potential! Thanks be to God.**

**SONG:**

Announcements:

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

**General Offering** for the week of September 19 \$68.00. Attendance 5. Special gifts this week: Veronica Floyd gave \$500.00 toward the October payment of the Syracuse loan. **We give God thanks and praise for all the gifts given.**

Bible Enrichment will be on track Tuesday September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY WORLD COMMUNITON SUNDAY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 we celebrate October 31 the 35th An-niversary the start of our 36th year of ministry. Reformation Sunday

November 18 Feast Of The Kingship of Christ

November 25 Advent WK I

December 2 Advent WK II

Hanukkah Starts at sundown Day 1

December 9 Advent WK III Gaudete Sunday Pride in the Win-ter Hanukkah last night begins at sundown

Monday December 10 Sundown

December 16 Advent WK IV

December 23 NATIVITY

December 26 Kwanzaa day 1 8:45 PM service on line

December 27 Kwanzaa day 2 8:45 PM service on line

December 28 Kwanzaa day 3 8:45 PM service on line

December 29 Kwanzaa day 4 8:45 PM service on line

December 30 Holy Name

December 30 Kwanzaa day 5 8:45 PM service on line

December 31 Kwanzaa day 6 8:45 PM service on line

January 1 Kwanzaa day 7 8:45 PM service on line

January 6 Epiphany— Visitation of the Magi

January 13 The Baptism Of The Lord—30 yrs. old