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20TH YEAR REMEMBRANCE OF SEPT 11, 2001

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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SIERRA VISTA, AZ



Prelude: *“Worship in your Heart”* by Doreen Oberg

Welcome and Announcements:

Opening Prayer

Presider: Dear Lord 20 years ago, on September the 11th, this date was seared into America's memory. Nineteen men attacked the United States of America with a barbarity unequaled in our nation's history. They murdered people of all colors, creeds, and nationalities — and made war upon the entire free world.

Sadly, 9-11 has become the modern generation's Pearl Harbor! Lord, on that awful day, we also witnessed something distinctly American:

** Ordinary citizens rising to the occasion, and responding with extraordinary acts of heroism.

** Courage in office workers trapped on the high floors of burning skyscrapers who called home so that their last words to their families would be of comfort and love.

** Bravery of the Pentagon staff who made it out of the flames and smoke — and then ran back inside to answer cries for help.

** And we saw courage in passengers aboard Flight 93, who recited the 23rd Psalm—and then charged the cockpit, saving an untold number of lives on the ground.

Merciful Father, On this day, we remember the innocent who lost their lives— and we pay tribute to those who gave their lives so that others might live. For many of our citizens, the wounds of that morning remain fresh. Firefighters and police officers still choke up at the memory of fallen comrades. Young people still long for the parents who will never share the joys of their accomplishments and lives. Fellow Americans take bittersweet pride in loved ones who refused to be victims — and gave America our first victory in the war on terror.

We also remember the sacrifices made by our nation's armed forces to keep us safe. Every one of our troops is a volunteer, and since the attacks of September 11th, millions of Americans have stepped forward to put on our nation's uniform. Over 50,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and guardsmen have suffered terrible injuries—and over 6,000 have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom! America cherishes their memory and we pray for their families.

We will never forget! Lord, Out of this suffering, we resolve to honor every man and woman lost. And we seek their lasting memorial in a safer and more hopeful world. In your name we pray. **AMEN.**

Opening Song

Insert #188 It is Well With My Soul

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Gloria - Christ our Passover

(Words found in BCP p. 83)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

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Salutation

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

The Collect of the Day:

Presider Let us pray.

People: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God *(Please be seated)*

Old Testament Lesson: A reading from the book of **Wisdom (3: 1-9)**

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (*Read aloud in unison*)

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

New Testament Lesson: A reading from Paul's 1st letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (5: 24-27)**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

“Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as

the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Nicene Creed: *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: On September 11th, 20 years ago, our nation was attacked by hijackers taking control of 4 airplanes. Three were routed to New York City and Washington D.C. Through the heroic efforts of the passengers on the fourth plane, it was diverted off course to a field in Pennsylvania.

When asked how this day changed your life, people have responded with comments such as:

** I realized that our nation is not invincible.

** I learned that Muslims around the world were horrified and grieved our losses.

** Life cannot be taken for granted

** I became more aware of what freedom means.

** I was reminded to say “I love you” more often to my family and friends.

Let us honor the more than 3000 victims (including the NYPD, NY Fire and Rescue, passengers, crew, and office workers) with some moments of silence.

Leader: First plane, American Airlines flight #11 scheduled from Boston to Los Angeles hits the North World Trade Tower at 8:46 am.

Gong

People: **(Silent prayers)**

Leader: Second plane: United Airlines flight 175 scheduled from Boston to Los Angeles hits the South World Trade Tower at 9:03 am.

Gong

People: **(Silent prayers)**

Leader: Third plane: American Airlines flight 77 scheduled from Washington DC to Los Angeles hits the pentagon at 9:37 am.

Gong

People: **(Silent prayers)**

Leader: Fourth plane: United Airlines flight 93 scheduled from Newark to San Francisco intended to hit either the White House or the Nations Capitol Building crashes into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania at 10:03 am.

Gong

People: **(Silent prayers)**

Leader: For the following prayers, please respond with “Lord, hear our prayer.” Holy Lord, friends, colleagues, and family members have gone before us and entered the fullness of God’s Kingdom. Grant them peace in your everlasting home.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Many people die from violent crimes, war, terrorism, and famine each day. Merciful God, show your kindness and compassion on those who suffer and your justice to those who offend your holy laws.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Many courageous men and women answered the call to stand between us and those of violent hatred, Holy God, give them your divine protection, consolation in their hardships, and bring them home safely.

People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Gracious Lord, we remember those who helped others on this day: those who offered shelter, comfort, transportation, medical aid, rescue, safety, and met the basic needs of any they encountered. We thank you for their open hearts and helping hands.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all people, teach us love for our country, but humbly so. Teach us to see the frailty, beauty, and value of life in light of this tragedy. Remind us of the way the true heart of our nation's people was revealed in open doors, open arms and open hearts. May we never forget that on that day we did not focus on nationality, wealth, race, or education. We focused on humanity and love for one another.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart. We have not loved others as our Savior Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Absolution

Presider: *Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory:

Presider: *But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving—Rite II, Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider *Continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do

this for the remembrance of me." remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (Traditional Lord's Prayer)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)

Presider: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: *These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts, by faith and with thanksgiving.*

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: *Let us pray:*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: *May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. And may he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you now and always.*

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Presider: Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's Spirit, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God,! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Song:

G 721 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Postlude: "America" Arranged by Eugene Butler

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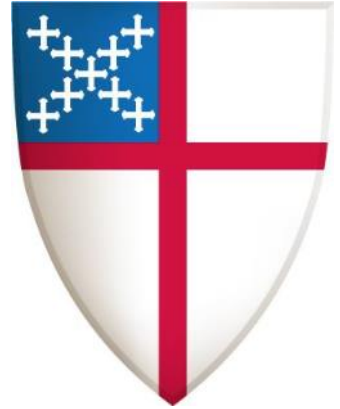
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