

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Morning Worship for September 20, 2020

Welcome

Gathering Music

Confession and Absolution of Sin

*One* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Many* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

*One* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Hymn – Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy (Slane)– *The Hymnal 1982* #482

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

*One* Lord, open our lips.  
*Many* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*One* May Christ, the morning star, shine in our hearts.  
*Many* **O come let us worship God.**

*One* Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 145 together, responsively, by whole verse.

### **Psalm 145:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O holy God, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.  
<sup>2</sup> **Every day will I bless you \***  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**  
<sup>3</sup> Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to your greatness.  
<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall praise your works to another \***  
**and shall declare your power.**  
<sup>5</sup> I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.  
<sup>6</sup> **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \***  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**  
<sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.  
<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and full of compassion, \***  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

*At the end of the Psalm is said*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### **A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:21-30)**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*One* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*Many* **Thanks be to God.**

**A Song of God's Love** (*1 John 4:7-11*)

**Beloved, let us love one another, \***  
**for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, \***  
**for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us, \***  
**that God sent his only Son into the world,**  
**so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \***  
**and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, \***  
**we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us, \***  
**and God's love will be perfected in us.**

**A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew** (*20:1-16*)

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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*Many* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon by The Very Rev'd S. Chadwick Vaughn**

## The Nicene Creed

*All together*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

# The Prayers

*One* The Lord be with you.

*Many* **And also with you.**

*One* Let us pray.

*Many* **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.***

*One* Loving God, we give thanks for your presence;

*Many* **One God with many faces.**

*One* We pray for all baptized people;

*Many* **That we may live fully into our covenant with you.**

*One* Give us faith to serve you in all people;

*Many* **And our neighbors as ourselves.**

*One* Bless the leaders of our land;

*Many* **That we may be a people at peace among ourselves  
and a blessing to other nations.**

*One* Give us wisdom to revere our mother earth;

*Many* **That we may be faithful stewards of her abundance.**

*One* Open our eyes to the joys and sorrows of others;

*Many* **That barriers which divide us may crumble  
and we may live in justice and peace.**

*The Collect of the Day*

O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the Gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Healing of Oppression*

Look with compassion, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.*

**A General Thanksgiving**

*All together*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all that you have done for us.  
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
and for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;  
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

Hymn – Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady) – *The Hymnal 1982* #685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Many Thanks be to God.