



**The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020**

Welcome

Prelude

Voluntary II

G.F. Handel

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still, the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Acclamation

Leader The world belongs to God
All **the earth and all its people.**

Leader How good it is, how wonderful
All **to live together in unity.**

Leader Love and mercy come together;
All **justice and peace join hands.**

Leader Open our lips, O God,
All and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to God

Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

- ² Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymn 660

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to the Lord who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

(A brief silence)

Enliven the Church for its mission: In our Parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca and their priest, the Rev. Megan Castellan; and the people of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City and their clergy, the Rev. Christine Day and the Rev. Deacon Dorothy Pierce. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Mateo, in Lourdes, and their priest The Rev. Irma Alvarado. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of California and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need.

People **that we may reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader Lead this and every nation into ways of justice and peace,
People **that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Inspire with your wisdom, those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it,
People **teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader Restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially those we name now _____,
People **may they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader We remember with thanksgiving, those who have died, especially those we name now _____,
People **Give comfort to those who mourn, bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader
Lord you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Bring Forth the Kingdom of God

Marty Haugen

The 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.

Prayer for mission

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Blessing

Clergy Now may God,
who gives seed to the sower

and grain to the reaper,
provide all that we need
so that we may produce a rich harvest
of faith, love, justice, and joy
for the good of the earth and its people
and to the glory of God.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you all now and evermore.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer.
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Clergy Reconciled to God, made a new creation in Christ, and anointed by the Holy Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lauda Anima

Robert Hobby

Additional source for today's liturgy:
A New Zealand Prayer Book
Iona Abbey Worship Book
Prayer for Sundays and Seasons