

September 20, 2020 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

The Penitential Rite

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Bishop says,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in the name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

The Invitatory

God rules over all the earth: O come, let us worship.

Jubilate. (*Psalm 100*)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?”

And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer Amen.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

For 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.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole wide world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in his hands.

He's got the moon and the stars in his hands.

He's got the wind and the clouds in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hand.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in his hands.

He's got the oceans and the seas in his hands.

He's got you and he's got me in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands.

He's got everybody there in his hands.

He's got everybody everywhere in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

The congregation may stand or sit for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading:

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Matthew 20:1-16

“For 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.”.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rt Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect for Creation

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession: God in Creation

Let us pray that God will bring to fruition all God desires for creation.

Leader: Creator, you have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world,
that we may share and conserve its resources,
and live in reverence for the creation
and in harmony with one another.
Lord of creation,

All: **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: You have given the human race a rich land,
a land of streams and springs,
wheat and barley,
vines and oil and honey.

We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow.
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,
that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.
Lord of creation,

All: **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader: In Christ you call us to a new way of life,
loving our neighbours before ourselves.
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is
as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be
when your kingdom comes and your will is done.
Thank you for those, living and departed,
who have shown a true respect for your creation ...
Help us to follow in their footsteps,
until, with them, we see you face to face,
where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

In the worldwide Anglican cycle of prayer today we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. The Most Rev'd Justin Badi Arama - Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of South Sudan.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people and communities of Carmacks and Keno and we give thanks for ministry to these areas through the synod office.

Merciful God,

All: **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, in the language of our heart, we are bold to say,

All **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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing: *Bishop*

Closing Hymn: God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise for ever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ your Son;
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, less we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred.
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands to sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Dismissal

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**