

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 YEAR A – PROPER 20  
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

*(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher for assistance.)*

Prelude  
 Opening Prayer  
 Opening Hymn: *At the Name of Jesus* Hymn 435  
 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II BCP 355  
 Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*  
 The Gloria *(read aloud in unison)* BCP 356  
 The Collect of the Day *(read aloud in unison)*  
 The Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11  
*(silence)*  
 Psalm 145:1-8 *(said in unison)*  
 The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30 *Response: Thanks be to God.*  
*(silence)*  
 Sequence Hymn: *Holy Spirit, ever living* Hymn 511  
 Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*  
 The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16  
 After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*  
 Sermon The Rev Ernestine C. Flemister  
*(silence)*  
 The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90) BCP 358  
 The Prayers of the People, Form I BCP 383  
 The Peace (Large Print page 98)  
 The Offertory  
  
*Doxology (said in unison) updated words:*  
  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise **God**, all creatures here below,  
 Praise **God** above ye heavenly host,  
**Praise triune God, whom we adore.**  
  
 The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367  
*Sanctus (said in unison)* BCP 367  
 The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)* (Large Print page 110) BCP 364

Communion Hymn: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Hymn 178  
 Announcements  
 Post-communion Prayer BCP 365  
 The Blessing  
 Closing Hymn: *Praise to God, immortal praise* Hymn 288  
 The Dismissal  
 Postlude

TODAY IS SUNDAY, September 20

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 20

9:00 Holy Eucharist – outside, weather permitting

10:15 Choir Practice

MONDAY, September 21

9:00 Needle & Thread

TUESDAY, September 22

The First Day of Autumn

11-1 St. Anne's Catholic Church Food Box Program

12-1 Courageous Conversation (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, September 23

12:15 Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

5:30 Choir Practice

6:30 Handbell Rehearsal

SATURDAY, September 26

10:00 ECW Annual Meeting (via Zoom)

SUNDAY, September 27

9:00 Holy Eucharist – outside, weather permitting

10:15 Choir Practice

## GOSPEL: 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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## COLLECT

*Traditional*

GRANT US, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

GRANT US, 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.*

## FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10–4:11

WHEN GOD SAW what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth

for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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### Refrain

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

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### Psalm 145:1-8 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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