

PRINCE OF PEACE



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A LANDOWNER
WHO WENT OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING TO HIRE
LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD

MATTHEW 20.1

Sunday September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
Have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: Jonah 3.10-4.11

^{3:10} When God saw what they 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. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² 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. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ 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." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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?"

Psalm 145.1-8

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
² **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**
³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴ **One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶ **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**
⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸ **The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the

vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 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?" 7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." 8 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." 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 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." 13 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? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message

Song: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ELW 678

1. 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,
Off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.
2. 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 labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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 into hell.
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.**

The Peace Announcements

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.
May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring
bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness 11 10 11 10 & refrain

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow Of turning with Thee Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. <i>Ref.</i>	2. Summer and winter And springtime and harvest, Sun moon and stars In their courses above Join with all nature In manifold witness To thy great faithfulness Mercy and love. <i>Ref.</i>	3. Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside <i>Ref.</i>
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Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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