

*September 20, 2020*  
*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Welcome to our service of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome, we are glad that you are here. The people are invited to join in everything that is in **BOLD** type, while the Celebrant will speak the plain type.*

*Entrance Hymn*

*Greeting*

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

**And also with you.**

*Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Collect of the Day*

Let us pray

Gracious God,  
**you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
through the liberating love  
of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

*The Proclamation of the Word*

**Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16**

*The reader will read the light print, while the people will read the **bold**.*

**1** Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \***  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**  
 3 That which we have heard and known,  
 and what our ancestors have told us, \*  
 we will not hide from their children.  
**4 We will recount to generations to come**  
**the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \***  
**who has done wonderful works.**  
 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, \*  
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,  
**13 splitting open the sea and letting them pass through, \***  
**making the waters stand up like walls;**  
 14 leading them with a cloud by day, \*  
 and all the night through with the glow of fire;  
**15 splitting hard rocks in the wilderness, \***  
**and giving them drink as from the great deep;**  
 16 bringing streams out of the cliff, \*  
 and the waters gushing out like rivers.  
**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,**  
**and to the Spirit, indwelling:\***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second 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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Christ.**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers 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 labourers 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.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

### *Sermon*

*There will be a period of silence after the sermon.*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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*

*The people stand, sit or kneel.*

## *Confession and Absolution*

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

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. **Amen.**

## *The Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## *Offertory Hymn*

### *Prayer Over the Gifts*

Let us pray:  
**Great and holy God,  
accept our offering of labour and love.  
May we bring you true and spiritual worship  
and be one with you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

## *Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God . . .

... by your power you sustain the universe.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and Might**

**Heaven and Earth are Full of Your Glory,**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

You created us to love you with all our heart . . .

. . . we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

## *Sanctus*

We give you thanks and praise, loving God. . .

. . .now and forever.

## *Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

## *Breaking the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body,  
For we all share in the one bread.

## *The Communion*

*The Table is ready and all are welcome*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

## **Receiving Communion at St. Barnabas:**

*Please extend both hands for bread; one hand for a wafer (to dip in the cup.) When receiving wine or grape juice, please assist the cupbearer by guiding the chalice with your hand. The silver cup contains wine and the pottery cup contains grape juice.*

*Please maintain respectful silence during communion.*

## *The Prayer After Communion*

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## *Community Announcements*

### *Priest`s Blessing*

### *Sending Hymn*

### *Sending Out*

Go forth in peace and love, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Thanks be to God.