

**Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45** *Read responsively by half verse*

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 marvelous 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 judgments 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!**

## Gradual Music

### The Holy Gospel of Matthew 20:1-16

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel... All: **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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## The Sermon

The Rev’d Joseph Daly

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing, said by all* BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People Form III

*Standing, the Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## The Confession of Sin *Remain Standing*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 neighbors 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 celebrant pronounces absolution.*

## The Peace

*In acknowledgement of Christ’s Peace, you are invited to bow to one another with your right hand over your heart. Please refrain from all physical contact.*

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Offertory Music

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you All: **And also with you**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. All: **We lift them to the Lord**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

*The Celebrant Continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

*The Celebrant continues with preface of the day*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**The Sanctus** *Said by all*

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.

***The people remain standing.*** *Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *[in unison]*

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.*

## At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Thanksgiving and Blessing *Standing and in unison*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

## Recessional Music

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Please exit the nave whilst maintaining social distance of six feet.*

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Remmel, Rebecca Jayne, Gwen Bernard, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner, Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Virginia Bercegeay, Lisa Karre, Yvonne Aitken, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Howard, Ann Dobie, Nagham El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Judy Roberts, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Carolyn Barker, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine McGowen, Linda Weems, Jim, Carol Baker, Charles McGowen, Angela Roy, John Bateman, Colette House, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Thomas, Katherine Attrep, Michael Blevins, Mike Blevins, Maty Blevins, Carli Blevins, Mike and Shirley Godwin, Jan and Charles, David, Thomas Rowe, Theresa, Connie Priest, Corrine, Marci Lecky, Angie Touchet, Dr. Jim Rotchford, Hammy Davis, Lou Oliver, Martha Green, Rodney Ledoux, Ronnie Pendergraft, Mary and Irby Olivier, Farin Gougierrez, Beck B., Ann Patin, Nick Georges, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, Cassandra Bernard, Lindsay Cutrera, Roslyn Fouin, Chad Vidrine, Andy Andrus, Julie Guidry, Patsy, Linda Weiner, Bill Boston, Allan Voss, Rick Onks, Mark Buddy and Carmina, Kaytlin, Diane, Judy Herman, Sterling Lejeune, The Kruger Family, Jane Cabes, Troy LeBoeuf, Kaye Womack, Dave Cheshire, Stephen Casanova, Aubrey Braithwaite, Sylvia Turner, Anson Lindsay, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., The Wilson Family, Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Tom Foarde, Hayley Kennedy, Russ Stelly, Juanita Stevenson, friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church in St. Joseph and Northwood United Methodist Church. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Walter Dobie*

**Lector:** Kathy Knierim

**Acolyte:**

**Ushers:**

**Music:** Tom Lyles, Minister of Music and John Moore, organ and Emil Ivanov, violin

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday: 9 am—1 pm



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# “Let us worship the Lord” standing practices & expectations

## Ascension and Coronavirus

**We welcome you to worship with us today!** As we seek to reduce (not remove) risk to our parishioners, volunteers and staff, the following standards are subject to change as circumstances warrant and shall be normative until further notice.

## Sunday Worship times & order

**11:00 AM**

A limit of **90** attendees per service will be admitted.

**Ushers will assign seating** per state regulation. Families of the same household may sit together as space allows.

**No childcare** will be provided until further notice.

**Those considered at risk of COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to worship from home.** The at-risk population is anyone 65 years old or older, and anyone with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; or weakened immune system.

**Everyone 3 years of age and older are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth**, including clergy. Celebrants of Word and Table will remove masks only when speaking. The State advises, “Children under 2 years of age and individuals who have difficulty breathing should not wear face coverings.” If you have difficulty breathing, stay home.

## Service modifications include:

**Bulletins** will be available on the pews. Please dispose in recycling bins at the doors when exiting.

**Prayers** be said standing only. No kneeling.

**The Peace of Christ** shall be shared verbally without physical contact. All are encouraged to place their right hand over their heart and bow to acknowledge one another with Christ’s Peace.

**Offering plates** will be stationed at the front and back of the church nave and shall not be touched or moved during the service.

**Communion** bread will be administered by clergy at the chancel steps. Communicants shall wear their mask and remove it after receiving the bread which shall be received in the open palm and consumed before returning to the pew. Please use hand sanitizer after receiving communion.



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The Reverend Honey Becker

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

## Prelude

## Processional Music

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity *Standing*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

## The Trisagion

*Celebrant:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

All: **Have mercy upon us.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

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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.*

## First 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 All: **Thanks be to God.**