Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

OPENING

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen
   pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness,
   with water from the rock.

2. We would not live by bread alone,
   in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.
   us, and spread thy table in our heart.

3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
   in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.
   us, and spread thy table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine
   that living bread, that heavenly wine,
   be our immortal food.
OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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."
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

Remain seated.

1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, 
   make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; 
   tell of all his wonderful works.
3 Glory in his holy name; 
   let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 Seek the LORD and his strength; 
   seek his presence continually.
5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, 
   his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, 
   children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
37 Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, 
   and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed, 
   for dread of them had fallen upon it.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering, 
   and fire to give light by night.
40 They asked, and he brought quails, 
   and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out; 
   it flowed through the desert like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise, 
   and Abraham, his servant.
43 So he brought his people out with joy, 
   his chosen ones with singing.
44 He gave them the lands of the nations, 
   and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

21 To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 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, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

27 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, 28 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. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— 30 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.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

All Stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Mark D. Story

NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP P. 392)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s);
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life:

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory or your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANTHEM The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new
life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:
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 stand or kneel.

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 364)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Come, labor on

1 Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle
2 Come, labor on. The enemy is
3 Come, labor on. A way with gloom y
4 Come, labor on. Claim the high calling
5 Come, labor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the harvest plain, while all around us
2 watching night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but
4 angels cannot share—to young and old the
5 glows the western sky, till the long shadows

1 waves the golden grain? And to each servant
2 snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our
3 may do service here: by feeblest agents
4 Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its
5 o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Master say, “Go work to day.”
2 duty have forgot, he slumbered not.
3 may our God fulfill his right cousin will.
4 hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the setting sun, “Servants, well done.”
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

_After Communion, the Celebrant says_

Let us pray.

_Celebrant and People_

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 for ever. _Amen._

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

_The Priest blesses the people, saying_

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. _Amen._
1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for service to witness in God’s name.
3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our ministries are dif’trent, our purpose is the same:
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.
so people of all nations may feel God’s warm embrace.
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
Morning Prayers

9-20-2020

Illness and Other Problems

Andrew
Christina
Michael
Sandra
Tracey
Ann
Drew
Barry
Dawson

Church Families in the Cycle of Prayer

Joel and Julia Hart
George and B Ann Hauser

School Families in the Cycle of Prayer

Sarah Caswell
Frankie Coleman

Daily Sunday Prayer Rota

St. John’s in Vinita
St. Thomas in Pawhuska

A Prayer for Discernment

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we consider the renewal and mission of our congregation. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it, and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.