



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

*Where all are welcome at the Lord's table*

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## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 20, 2020

### Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

**Prelude**

*Andante*

from Sonata in G, K. 283  
W.A. Mozart

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.  
*Habakkuk 2:20*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**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.

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.**

### **THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People **Come let us adore him.**

*Venite Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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## Psalm 145:1-8

*Officiant and People*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
  - 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
  - 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
  - 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
  - 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
  - 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
  - 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
  - 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*O Lord, whose mercies numberless*  
Arielle Rogers, soloist

G.F. Handel

### **A Reading from the Gospel of 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tanya Watt

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

### *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work; in particular, for the school year ahead – fill it with compassion for those making difficult decisions, enlighten students, comfort parents, and strengthen teachers. Grant us your wisdom, Lord, and let us find signs of your love all around us. For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in our Armed Forces. We pray especially for: Chip Barton, Joey Barden, David Ryan H., Jordan Werner, Zachariah Hoydich, Jack Norris, Charlie Babb, Andrew Mettler, Trav de Groot, Doug, Scott Marcus, Jordan Jimenez, Chris Peters, Anatoly Impagliazzo, Jason Eaton, Kyle Talbot, Chris Dwyer, Austin Jackson, Steve Miozzi, Danny Hayden, and Gregory Durant. **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 Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the people and clergy of Sts. Matthew and Mark, Barrington, and St. Matthew's, Jamestown. **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: We pray especially for Margaret Poole, Julian, Brayden Mossey, Larry Baxter, Steve, Leo, Dona Omanoff, Nancy Sachuk, Jackie Hudson, John Grimley, Katarina Ruda, Jim T., Sam Hopp, David

Rodriguez, Samantha Simas, Roz, Mike Bermingham, Liz McClintick, Larry Wezjen, Michael Tonry, and Susan Davis.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

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.**

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.**

**A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

*Officiant and People*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where**

there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

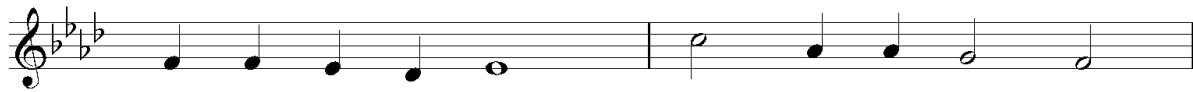
People Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

### Closing Hymn 541



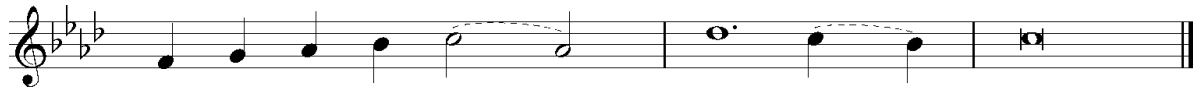
1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."



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Celebrant	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
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