



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

20 September 2020 AD

A LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn 680 “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. . . .

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise 417 “This is the Feast”

[antiphon] This is the feast of victory for our God.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain whose blood
set us free to be people of God. [antiphon]
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing
and glory are his. [antiphon] . . .
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God
and to the Lamb for ever. Amen. [antiphon] . . .

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *The Collect of the Day is offered.*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Jonah. [Jonah 3:10-4:11] *The Word of the Lord.* [*People:* Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 145:1-8 *read in unison*

- 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.

Epistle

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians. [Philippians 1:21-30]
The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 541 “Come, Labor On”

- 1 Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”
- 2 Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.
- 3 Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.
- 4 Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share--
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh. . . .

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Matthew 20:1-16] *The Gospel of the Lord.* [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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

Intercessor: Lord, hear our prayer.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 372 "Praise to the Living Lord"

1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:

the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!
2 Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.
3 His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old: he speaketh still.
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.
4 Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Next Sunday is the Eucharist in Two Parts. We worship online and then come to the back lot for the Prayer of Consecration and the distribution of Holy Communion. We also collect *Seven on Sunday* contributions for our Emergency Relief Fund.

We have a Care Team which is helping us stay in touch by telephone. Call 843.999.0888 for anything whatsoever.

On Sundays we receive the gifts of the people for the support of the church and its mission in the world. Please mail your gifts to **The Church of the Messiah, P O Box 70367, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.**

These are trying times. If you or someone you know has special needs, please contact Fr. Ferebee confidentially at 843.999.0888.

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