

## Sunday, September 20, 2020 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

The Liturgy is from Setting 8, page 184, in the hymnal.

Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister

Reverend Giuseppe Mattei  
Dan Derenski

PRELUDE

*Clair de Lune*

Debussy  
Pianist: Carlan Helgeson

**THE GATHERING**  
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A moment of silence for self-reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*God Is Here!*

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### GREETING

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

### KYRIE ELEISON

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Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful Judge, **You are the inexhaustible Fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore You, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Be Not Afraid*

Dufford  
Soloist: Ed Lewis

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JONAH

**3:10-4:11**

Reader: Dan Derenski

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

**Psalm 145:1-8**  
Cantor: Ed Lewis

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my | God and king,  
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day | will I bless you  
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!  
There is no end | to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works | to another  
and shall de- | clare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty  
and all your | marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,  
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

**1:21-30**

Reader: Dan Derenski

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Deacon Charlotte Downing

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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**APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**THE MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG**

*We Are The Body of Christ*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, **You bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Lamb of God*

### TABLE BLESSING

*Observe a moment of silence.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our Life, our Strength, our Food, **we give You thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give You praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

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### SENDING

People of Nativity, what is our mission?

**With the birth of Jesus in our hearts we carry light and love to the world.**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in C*

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