

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 AT 1 P.M.

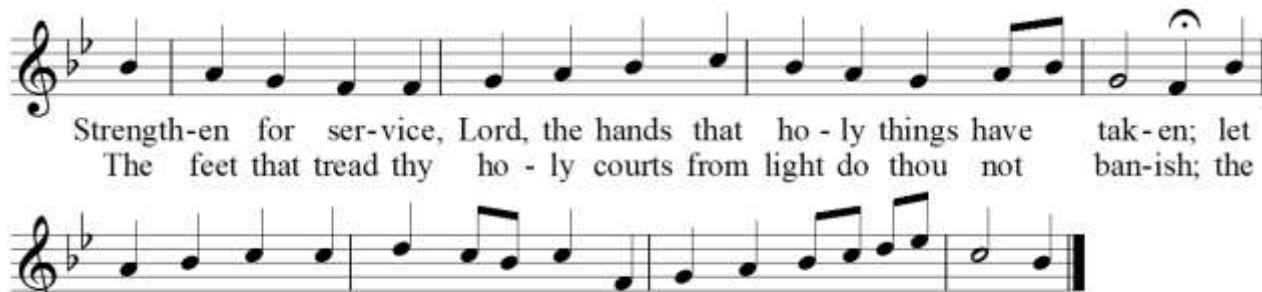
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## Welcome:

Steven Mackison

Opening Hymn: #87 vv.1,3 (Common Praise) “Strengthen for Service”



Strength-en for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly things have tak - en; let  
The feet that tread thy ho - ly courts from light do thou not ban-ish; the



ears that now have heard thy songs to clam-our nev - er wak-en.  
bod-ies by thy bod - y fed with thy new life re- plen-ish.

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## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

*Please rise as you are able*

### The Greeting

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

*Please be seated*

### First Reading

*Reader:* 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 16.2-15

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 145.1-8

*Priest:* I will exalt you, O sovereign God,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.

*All:* **Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

*Priest:* You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to your greatness.

*All:* **One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

*Priest:* I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty  
and all your marvellous works.

*All:* **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

*Priest:* They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

*All:* **God is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**Second Reading**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For 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.**

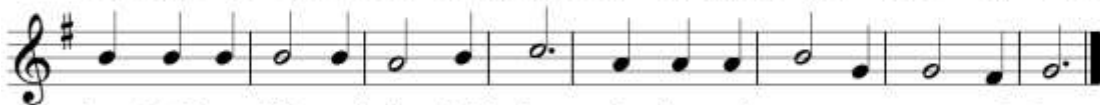
Philippians 1.21-30

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #503 vv 1, 3 (Common Praise) “Fight the Good Fight”



Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Cast care a - side, lean on thy guide; his bound-less mer - cy will pro-vide;



lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly,  
trust, and the trust-ing soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: William Boyd (1847-1928).

## The Gospel

*Please rise as you are able*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Jesus said) “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.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 20.1-16

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily:** Nate Wall

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* Let us come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Gracious God, whenever we are offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and rejoice in the blessings of others. Guard the church against self-righteousness and instill in us the law of love.

Not our will, O Lord:

*All:* **But your will be done.**

*Leader:* Loving God, increase in us compassion, not only for victims but for perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to stand up for what is right.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Not our will, O Lord:

*All:* **But your will be done.**

*Leader:* Holy God, may our closeness to family and friends inspire us to be more inclusive of others, always welcoming the stranger in our midst. Encourage us in relentless hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

Not our will, O Lord:

*All:* **But your will be done.**

*Leader:* Compassionate God, we pray for all who are vulnerable, unable to care for themselves, for those who can't cope, and those who are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

Not our will, O Lord:

*All:* **But your will be done.**

*Leader:* Eternal God, we pray for those who have died alone, unmourned and unnoticed. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We pray for all whose lives have ended and who now look to you in hope. We commend them to your merciful love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or offer them in silence.*

*Leader:* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bless and comfort those who mourn their loss with the promise of new life.

Not our will, O Lord:

*All:* **But your will be done.**

*Leader:* Dear God, we thank you for helping us to hear you in prayer; deepen our loving so that as we pray through this week we may do so with the heart of compassion.

*Please give voice to your prayers of thanksgiving or offer them in silence*

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #775 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) "Jesus Priceless Treasure"



1. Je sus price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
2. In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
3. Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed,  
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us,



and my heart has faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee!  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
from all tri - al saves us, gives sweet peace with - in.



Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
I have borne this world - ly scorn;



noth - ing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!



## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Presider: Steven Mackison*

### The Prayer Over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of power,  
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
Accept our offering this day,  
and help us to live in peace and harmony  
with all your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others, you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying:

*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.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.  
When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

*All:* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*Priest:* Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

*People:* **Give us this bread for ever.**

*Priest:* “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

*People:* **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Communion

*Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion*

“Tantum ergo” – *Maurice Duruflé*

*Virtual Choir*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui  
Et antiquum documentum novo cedat rituri,  
Præstet fides supplementum sensuum defecturi.

Genitori genitoque laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque sic et benedictio,  
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

*Such a sacrament, therefore, let us venerate with bowed heads,  
And let the ancient testimony give way to a new ritual,  
Let faith provide a supplement for the inadequacy of the senses.*

*To Father and Son let there be laud and jubilation,  
Salvation, honour and virtue also and blessing,  
And to Him who proceeds from both of them let there be equal praise.  
Amen.*

Duet: Tantum ergo – *Gabriel Fauré*

## Prayer After Communion

*Priest:* Ruler of the universe,  
all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.  
May we who have shared in holy things  
grow into maturity in him.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Ministry Updates

*Steven Mackison*

Concluding Hymn: #565 vv 1, 3 (Common Praise) "Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah"



Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.  
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak but thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand.  
death of death, and hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I  
songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will e - ver give to thee, I will ev - er



want no more.  
give to thee.

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## The Dismissal

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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