

Bulletin September 20

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Prelude on “Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation” (LEVAS 153) – adapt. J. Park

The congregation is invited to say the words together in bold. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place a candle or two in the place where you worship, to light during the opening prayer.

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Opening Rite: Liturgy of Light

All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.

Dear friends in the risen Christ, we gather today to celebrate the Lord’s Day, and for a time to be united in prayer and praise with each other and those who have gone before us. Sunday has been called the Lord’s Day because it was on this day that Jesus conquered sin and death and rose to new life. As we gather online, let us be united in the spirit of Christ with the Church around the world and celebrate our redemption in Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection.

Silence may be kept for a time.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus’ sake. For the same God who said, “Out of darkness let light shine,” has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation—the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4: 5-6)

Candles will now be lit in the church. You are invited to light candles at home, as we pray the following prayer:

May the light of Christ gloriously risen dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

May this simple flame of love and hope be found still burning by the Morning Star; the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ our Savior, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Alleluia! Amen.

Confession

As we worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we are reconciled to God and each other.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.**

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant continues with the prayer appointed for the day called the collect. The collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings of the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture of the day.

God is with you.
And also with 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.**

Opening Hymn

In Christ There is no East or West LEVAS 62



1. In ___ Christ there is no ___ East or West, in
2. Join ___ hands, dis - ci - ples ___ of the faith, what -
3. In ___ Christ now meet both ___ East and West, in

him no South or ___ North, but ___ one great fel - low -
e'er your race ___ may ___ be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and ___ North, all ___ Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out ___ the whole wide earth.
as his child is ___ sure - ly kin ___ to me.
one in him, through - out ___ the whole wide earth.

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Exodus 16:2-15

The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord's glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" Moses continued, "The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45. The congregation is invited to read the verses in bold.

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name,
we make known your deeds among the peoples,

**We sing to you; we sing your praise
and speak of all your marvelous works,**

We glory in your holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;

**We search for you and your strength;
we continue to seek your face;**

We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:

**We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant,
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.**

You led out your people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.**

You spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**They asked, and quails appeared,
and you satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

You opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.

**For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.**

So you led forth your people with gladness,
your chosen with shouts of joy.

**You gave your people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep your statutes
and observe your laws. Alleluia!

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 20:1-16)

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion, he sent them into his vineyard.

“Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon: The Rev. Mike Angell

Anthem: Old Time Religion

Maggie Linck and TJ Muller

Affirmation of Faith

Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. However, since the Sixth Century, the church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostle's Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to."

Do you believe in God?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgive-ness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

I invite your prayers for the church throughout the world. For our companion relationships with [Cristosal](#) and the people and church in El Salvador; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for **The people and ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville**. Pray for the Church.

I invite your prayers for our nation, for the upcoming election. I invite your prayers for all those in authority in our own communities and across this world. Pray for justice and good governance.

I invite your prayers for the earth that God has given us, that we might steward and protect the land and all its inhabitants. Pray for the earth.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week: Wanda Spencer, Katie Stuckmeyer, Lydia Roesler, and Tito Gay. For what do you give thanks to God?

I invite your prayers of petition for those in any need or trouble, for all affected by the coronavirus. Pray for your own needs, and those of others.

I invite your prayers for that whole cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. Pray for those who have died.

O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way that Christ taught us.

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

[See announcements](#)

Concluding Prayers

God of all creation, we gather on this first day of the week made holy by the resurrection of Christ, your Son. In the waters of baptism we were buried with him so that we might also rise with him and so share his victory over sin and death.

You have transformed our lives into the living stones that form your Church with Christ as the foundation stone. Strengthen our community's bond of communion and peace and deepen our solidarity with your Church throughout the world.

Rekindle within us this Sabbath day the vision of your kingdom so that our daily concerns and labor may find their proper perspective.

Fill our homes with the spirit of the Gospel and give us the grace to see the face of Christ in the people with whom we live. We raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, O God; that we who have celebrated Christ's resurrection this day share in his eternal glory where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah H690

Guide me, o thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,
hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand; bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv' - rer, strong de - liv' - rer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,
feed me now and ev - er - more; feed me now and ev - er - more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Service Leaders

Preacher: The Rev. The Rev. Mike Angell
Presider: Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon: The Rev. Chester Hines
Lectors: Bob Lowes, Shirley Mensah
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