



September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism, we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

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

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.
We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

The reading texts are found on the back of the bulletin.

READING: **Jonah 3:10-4:11**
... The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
GOSPEL: **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Holy God, We Praise Your Name # 414**

As sung by Terry Gustafson, soloist.
Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
... through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARE THE PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may submit your offering electronically by using the secure URL: <https://goo.gl/a8YekB> (capitalization matters).*

OFFERING PRAYER
GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Lord 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
COMMUNION
TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER
SENDING OF COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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