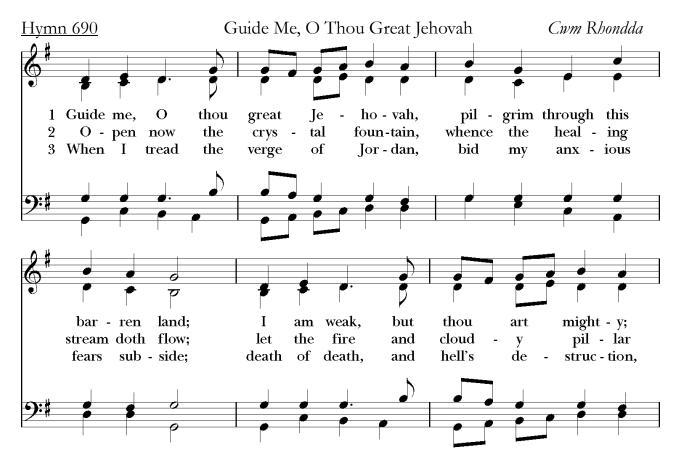
# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL September 20, 2020

Presider – The Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton
Preacher – The Rev. W. Frank Allen
Music Director/Organist— Dr. Clair Rozier
Associate Director/Organist— Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

Voluntary Organ Prelude on "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" J. S. Bach (Hymn 635)

#### THE WORD OF GOD





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Presider: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. BCP page 355

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider and People continue

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.





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# The Collect of the Day

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Presider: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.* 

Presider: Let us pray.

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.* 

Please be seated for the readings and the psalm.

# The First Reading

#### **Exodus 16:2-15**

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. *People: Thanks be to God.* 

#### Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Read only by the reader

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42. For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

# The Second Reading

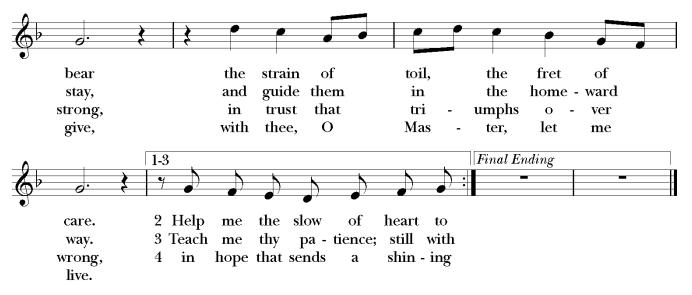
#### Philippians 1:21-30

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. *People: Thanks be to God.* 





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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# The Gospel

#### Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "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."

The Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

\*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

Please stand as you are able for the Creed

The Nicene Creed

Read in unison

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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

Jesus said, "...for wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Thank you, Lord, for always being present.

Lord, we long for your righteousness. Our world is in pain and we ache for your help. Our problems are profound and deep and we pray that you would fill our hearts with love for each other and clarity about decisions we should make to build a world in your image.

## Lord, give us understanding.

God of Guidance, thank you for our ministries and partners in Philadelphia, Norristown, Chester, Uganda, Guatemala, and Cuba. We ask for your strength and protection for those putting themselves in harms' way as they deal with the pandemic: first responders, nurses and doctors, essential workers and their families. We give thanks for the evolving medical advice of our scientists, those working to find treatments and vaccines. We pray for parents and all struggling to keep students safe and healthy as some return to school. Keep them in your loving care.

## Lord, give us discernment.

God of Peace, enlighten the minds and hearts of all in leadership positions: the leaders of the church: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel and Rodney, our Diocesan Bishops; and all the clergy and lay people of St. David's. At this crucial time, we lift up leaders in political positions: Donald, our President; Tom, our Governor; the Supreme Court; Congress and all who lead us locally. Bless those who serve in the military and those who support us in our daily lives.

# Lord, give us justice and peace.

God of Healing, infuse your strength and peace into all who suffer from any kind of pain or sickness, addiction, loneliness, fear or physical illness or oppression. We pray especially for *Byron, Carolyn, Danielle, David, Elissa, Gail, Jack, Jim, John, Kim, Lily, Lois, Mary Pat, Maureen, Natalie, Pam, Ray III, Scarlett, Tom, Tripp, and Zara.* Give skill and grace to their caregivers.

# Lord, give us sympathy to pray and to act.

God of life everlasting, we pray for those who died this week, and those for whom flowers have been given today, including *Ruth Cox Fritchman*, *Edward Reeve Fritchman*, *Lois Williamson Krall*. We mourn them yet know they are resting and safe with You in a life that has no ending.

## Lord, give them joy and comfort.

God of Happiness, thank you for the birthdays and anniversaries that we celebrate this week. We are grateful for the beauty of the people and the world that surrounds us and reminds us of your presence. Help us to be wise and faithful stewards of the creation, our fragile, island home. We pray for hearts to love others and You as we love ourselves. *AMEN*.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

#### The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo

"God's Tender Mercy Knows No Bounds" G. F. Handel from O Praise the Lord with One Consent

Kim Robson, soloist

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

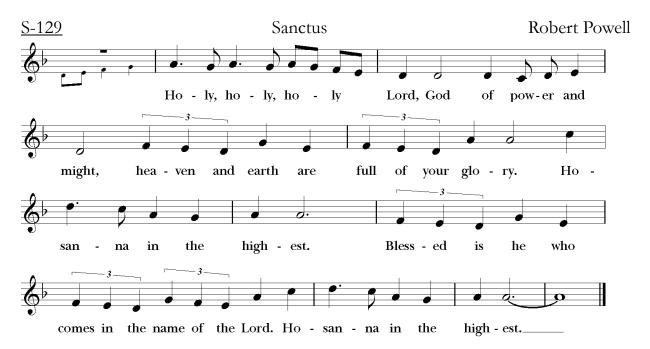
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**People: And also with you.** Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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#### Then the Presider continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice

for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues,

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.* 

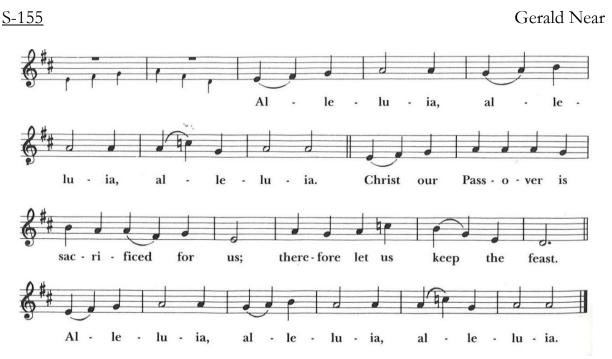
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People say together,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!* 



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The Presider faces the people and says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### The Communion

## **Post-communion Prayer**

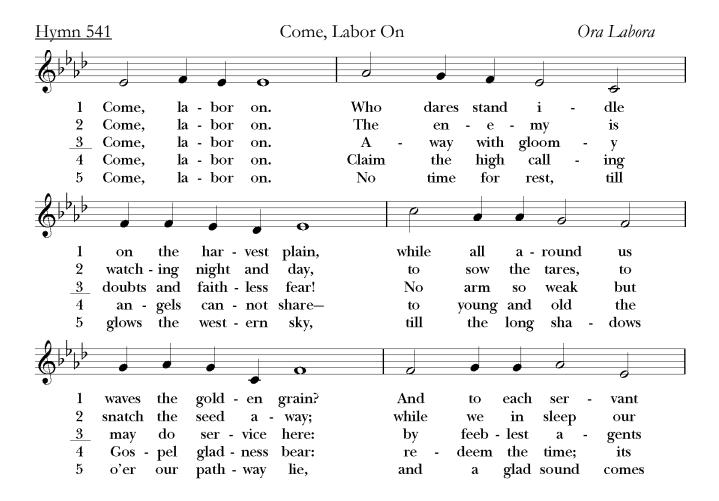
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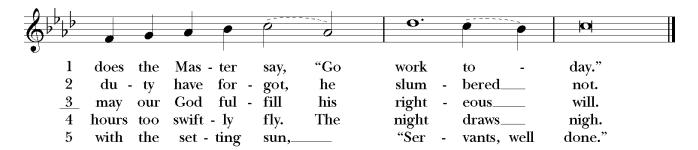
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 





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# The Sending

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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People: Thanks be to God!

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 577 J. S. Bach (spurious)

#### ~MEMORIALS~

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Ruth Cox Fritchman Edward Reeve Fritchman Lois Williamson Krall

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George Vosburgh