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The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Preludes: 'The Bread of Life'

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

O God, our maker and redeemer, when we forget that this is your world and we are your people: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have willfully misused your gifts of creation, forgetting that we are the stewards of your bounty: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty and have failed to strive for justice: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise:

'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah' Common Praise #565

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim in this barren land. I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practise your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Exodus 16.2-15

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from 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 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."

After the Reading the Reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

Psalmist

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; *

make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, * and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.

Glory in the holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek
the Lord rejoice.

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

Search for the strength of the Lord; * continually seek the face of God. Remember the marvels the Lord has done. *

the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord, O offspring of Abraham the servant of God. *

O children of Jacob the chosen of

the Lord.

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

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.

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

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, O God, remembered your holy word *

and Abraham your servant.

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

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. Hallelujah!

Remember us, O Lord, for the love you have for your people.

The Second Reading: Philippians 1.21-30

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour 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.

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The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon
Alleluia. Alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to give heed what is said by your
Son. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Before the Gospel the Deacon says, The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus told this parable,] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers 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 labourers 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 vou. 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."

After the Gospel the Deacon says, The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Ven. Richard Geoffrey Leggett After the Sermon we have a period for silent reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon
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 again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Leader of the Prayers
With confidence in God's tenderness
and compassion, let us pray to the
Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'
Let pray to the Lord, **Lord, have**mercy.

For all those who are suffering from drought and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war: Let pray to the Lord, **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For the church throughout the world, that we may be agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope: Let pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

For our country and province, that our wealth and power might become a force for peace rather than conflict, a source of hope rather than discontent, a agent of friendship rather than enmity: Let pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

For our city and metropolitan region, for those among us who are dispirited, who find no meaning or purpose in life: Let pray to the Lord, **Lord, have** mercy.

For our Diocese and Parish, that we may rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, grieve with those who grieve, forgive and slow to take offense: Let pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

God of Israel, grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it; through your Beloved, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider
The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Hymn:

'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service' Common Praise #585

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice along, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

Creator of all, 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.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider
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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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.

Holy and compassionate God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of Jesus the Christ, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, saying:

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, so that who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise you're your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Sovereign of the universe, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider
As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.
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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

If you are not receiving Communion inperson, then offer this prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your

promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

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

Presider Glory to God,

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.

Announcements

The Blessing of the Community

Presider

May the power of God sustain you. May the wisdom of the Word enlighten you. May the mercy of the Holy Spirit unite you.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn:

'Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go' Common Praise #467

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue, thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;

for thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given, and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go forth as labourers in God's vineyard. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: 'Alleluia' by W. A. Mozart

Assisting with Worship

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Sybil Collett Rory Halliday Birgit Petersen

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Linda Gravlin

Psalmist Brian Dobbin **Intercessor** Anne Parker

Presider The Rev'd Tasha Carrothers

Preacher The Ven. Richard Geoffrey Leggett

Deacon The Rev'd Carole Neilson

The Flowers at the Altar

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents IVY and ALFRED HARWOOD and other loved ones, from Joyce Harwood.

Breakfasts Served: Saturday, September 12

We served 35 take out brunches at Holy Trinity Cathedral, and delivered 13 meals to the Youth Emergency Centre.

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September

22 6:00 pm Trinity Tuesday (Zoom)

September

23 9:30 am Eucharist (Cathedral & Livestreamed)

September

24

5:30 pm Vespers

(Zoom)

7:00 pm Transforming Questions (Zoom)

September

27 8:00 am Sunday Eucharist (Cathedral & Livestreamed)

> 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist (Cathedral & Livestreamed)

> 11:00 am Coffee Hour (in the Hall)