

September 20, 2020 at 10 a.m.
Morning prayer for the
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Christ Church!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook Live](#).

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...

Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

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Prelude

Hymn 527

Singing songs of expectation

Tune: *Ton-y-Botel*



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Opening Sentence

Enriching Our Worship, p. 19

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 19-20

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence is observed.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

Enriching Our Worship, p. 21

The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.
Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 140-143

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's Name; *

make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, sing praises, *

and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and the strength of the LORD; *

continually seek the face of God.

Remember the marvels God has done, *

the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, *

O children of Jacob, God's chosen.

God led out the chosen 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.

God spread out a cloud for a covering *

and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, *

and God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

God opened the rock, and water flowed, *

so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered the holy promise *

and Abraham, chosen to serve.

So God led forth the people with gladness, *

the chosen ones with shouts of joy.

God gave those chosen people the lands of the nations, *

and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep God's statutes *

and observe the laws of the LORD.

Hallelujah!

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

Lector 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Response: The Song of Zechariah

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 27-28

Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, *

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, *

holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 660

O Master let me walk with thee

Tune: *Maryton*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918) Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-6

Preacher 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."

Preacher Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 96

Please stand, as able and comfortable.

All 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer.

Intercessor 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.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship, p. 42

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects (Prayers)

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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.**

A Collect for the Stewardship of Creation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 259

Officiant O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Officiant God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through September 20-

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant Ascribe to the Lord the honor that is due; bring offerings and come to into the courts of the Holy One.

Thank you for continuing your pledges, which sustain our common life. To give online [click here](#).

Offertory Anthem

"Morning Hymn"

Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

Mark Anderson, Lisa Correnti, Grant Furguele, Pamela Goody, and Lea Peterson

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 101

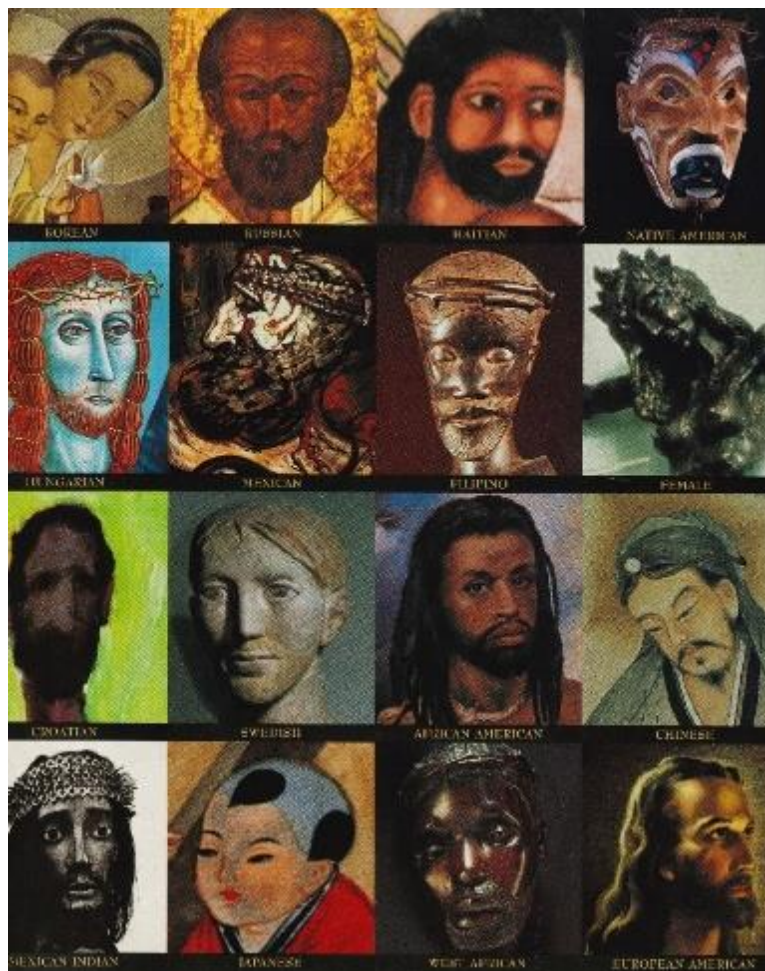
All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

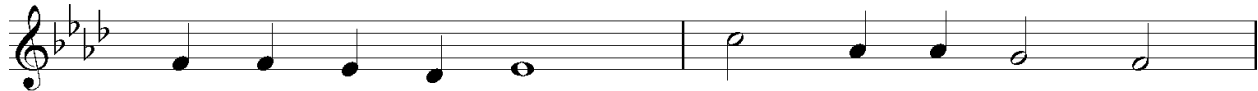
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt. Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Concluding Blessing

Officiant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift in love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the North Shore Deanery: Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; and, Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:
Hester Guild from Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Guild
Edythe B. Mackinnon from Neil B. Mackinnon
Edwin & Ester Brailey, Bea Brailey, Elinor Shearon, and Earl Brailey from Edwin Brailey

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for First Parish Unitarian-Universalist.

Your prayers are requested for John, Toph, Bob C. Sr., John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Walter, Bob P., Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob M., Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, Marianne and family, and Linda Evans. We ask that you give all cancer fighters comfort in their suffering, shrinking and destroying all cancerous tumors according to your will. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).



Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Music Director
Charles Raines, Associate Music Director and Pianist
Christ Church Quartet: Lisa Correnti, Lea Peterson, Grant Furguele, and Mark Anderson
Debby Rempis, Lector

And others to be named on air!

To assist during worship, please email the office (office@ccneedham.org) or sign up [here](#).

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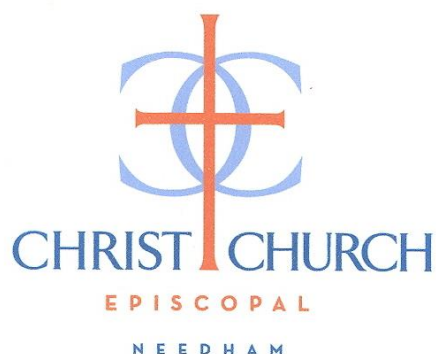


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