



*Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith  
by connecting to God and others  
while reaching out with love*

Proper 20  
September 20, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

## **Prelude**

*A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship*

## **Opening Song**

*Welcome Everyone*

Welcome Everyone  
To the Love of God

Hope for the people

Welcome Everyone  
To the love of God

Rest for the weary

Welcome Everyone  
To the Love of God

Food for the hungry

Welcome Everyone  
To the Love of God

## **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## **Collect for Purity**

*Presider* Let us pray together.

*All* **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.**

## Song of Praise *(sing each verse once)*

*Cantor will sing the first verse alone once. Congregation joins the second time.*

Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

Come into God's presence singing  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing  
worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing  
glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

*Presider* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

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.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

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!

### **Second Reading**

### **Philippians 1:21-30**

For 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

## Open My Heart



*Part 1*  
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

*Part 2*  
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart.

*Part 3*  
O - pen my heart, o - pen my heart. O - pen my heart, O - pen my heart.

## The Gospel

## Matthew 20:1-16

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Liz Tichenor

*You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.*

Hymn

*Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

*standing*

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*standing*

*Presider* Let us join our hearts and pray for all the world.

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People** **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the baptized;  
**People** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* We pray especially for Eric, Teija, Michael, Ryan, Steven and Analiisa; Sean, Ashley, Shane and Ethan, Chuck, Elaine, Ryan and Nicole, members of our parish family, and for this community. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those affected by Covid-19 and the wildfires;  
**People** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for those we name now:\_\_\_\_, and for Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Alice Keller, Jane McClary and Bobbie Seidemann.  
**People** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Leader* Praying together,

**All** **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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

*Silence*

**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.**

*Presider* 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 Peace

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

## The Offertory

*Presider* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

## Offertory Music

## *I Was Made*

### CHORUS

I was made (*Hands Molding Clay*)  
In the image (*Hands tracing figure of a curvaceous person*)  
And the likeness (*Hands facing up one at a time*)  
Of GOD (*Lift hands to the sky*)

GOD is my rock (*Fist drops to flat hand*)  
GOD is my shield (*Fist across breast on heart*)  
GOD is my hope (*Fist in the air*)  
And my reward (*Do the twist!*)

### CHORUS

It's not something (*1 finger wagging*)  
They can take from me (*Hands clasped, move over one shoulder*)  
It's not something (*1 finger wagging*)  
I can ignore (*Arm across eyes*)

### CHORUS

Gotta hold on  
Try to remember  
And the image  
Will be restored

### CHORUS

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*standing*

*Presider* All things come of you, O God,  
*People* and of your own have we given you.

*Presider* May God be with you.  
*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 our thanks and praise.**



*The Presider continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for the goodness and love  
which you have made known to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All**  
**We remember his death;**  
**We proclaim his resurrection;**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ  
and his Blood of the new Covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
put all things in harmony with your Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly country  
where, with Blessed Mary the God-Bearer,  
Blessed Joseph, and all your saints,  
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On Earth  
As in Heaven

Please give to us  
All that we need  
And forgive us  
All our sins  
As we forgive  
Those who harm us  
And lead us not  
Away from You

For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever

Our Mother  
Who art in heaven  
Hollowed be Thy name

*The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones

#### The Hands of God



To-day, to-mor-row and al-ways we re-joice in the hands of God. May God's  
pow-er-ful hands sup-port you, May God's guid-ing hands lead you, May God's  
lov-ing hands en-fold you. We re-joice in the hands of God.

### Final Blessing

*Presider* The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
2. No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
3. No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

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2. No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
3. No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **Dismissal**

*Presider*

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer List

Altrina	Rick
Phyllis I.	Bob
Klaus	Teresa
Sally & Cary	Paula
Glenn	Jeff
Jennifer M.	Grace
Jim	Joy
Kirk	Amy
Jake & Family	Kathie
Carl	John
Becky	Shelly
Karen	Julie
Mark	Matthew
Kenny	Dave
Len	Pat
Peggy	John
Pauline	Rosella
Eloise	John
Katherine	Kris' family
Violaine	Betty
Jennifer	Bev
Pam	Mike
Mary Pat	Amy
Chris	Meg
Carmel	Rick
Cammy	Chaz
Robyn	Marcos
Skip	Jim
Rev. Steve	Jordan
Sasha	Dick
Pat	

### **Please Pray for those in the Armed Services**

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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