

ST+BARTS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 20, 2020



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus' parable of the laborers in the vineyard is one of his most important statements concerning God's call to all people. That call is always open regardless of our past level of commitment. Those who accept it late are rewarded equally with those of long standing in the Kingdom. It is also a warning to those who have been committed to God for many years, lest they think themselves superior to those newly responding to the call of God.

Jonah did not want to preach repentance to the city of Ninevah (one of the Jews' greatest enemies) lest its people repent and God forgive them. However, after an amazing experience with a fish, Jonah complied. That God would forgive even Nineveh is one of the most striking messages in the Old Testament, expressing the universality of God's love and forgiveness.

Today we begin reading Paul's letter to Philippi. Written to encourage that church, the letter comes from a period when Paul was imprisoned and his own life was in danger.

God's promise to us is not a reward for doing things right. It is our heritage as children and heirs of God's promise. When we gather to sing and tell the story of God's salvation, we discover anew our identity and the identity of all people. Not content to have us merely as creatures, God has made us sons and daughters who feast at the table of God's home, which is our home as well.

St. Bart's Mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

We are committed to doing this through prayer, worship, proclaiming the Gospel and promoting justice, peace, and love.

-The Catechism, The Book Common Prayer p. 855



WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD



PRELUDE

Jesus, the very thought of Thee" baritone, Dan Gibbs *Bernard of Clairvaux/Eric Thiman*
Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind.
O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek, To those who fall how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider BLESSED BE GOD: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



THE FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

A reading from the book of Jonah.

WHEN GOD SAW WHAT THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH DID, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader THE WORD of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Reader Please join me in reciting the Psalm as printed in your bulletin.

Psalm 145:1-8

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller THE GOSPEL of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Raggs Ragan

THE NICENE CREED

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 worshipped 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

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

We pray for all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Brian, Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark and Jeff.

We pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord; **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We pray for those expecting the birth of a child, we pray for Rachel & Daniel Garcia (November), and for Dan and Hannah Gibbs (December).

We will exalt you, O God our King; **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider

The peace of the Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him 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; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

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 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, 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 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.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider THE GIFTS OF GOD for the People of God.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Henri Frederic Amiel

LIFE IS SHORT and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the God of ineffable grace beyond our understanding, but who made us and knows us and loves us and walks this path with us, fill you with His grace, surround you with His love, and strengthen you for the journey and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest LET US GO FORTH in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

COFFEE HOUR following the Service – see www.stbartsbeaverton.org for details.

SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION from 11:30 – 12:30. Join us!

Weekly Parish Prayer List

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces: Brian, Brandon, Daniel, Josh, Mark and Jeff.

We pray for the firefighters working to protect us. (Added Sept 13)

Please pray for recovery for Marty Horeis who had his kidney removed to a tumor. (Added Sept 13)

Please pray for Janet's niece Kaylene who recently had surgery. (Added Sept 13)

Pray for Tom's niece Sarah who recently died, and his brother Matt who was injured. (Added Sept 13)

We pray for Donna Kunkel who is surrounded by family and receiving hospice care. (Added Sept 6)

We ask your prayers for Alex Denman-Still who may have been exposed to Covid 19. (Added Sept 6)

We ask your prayers for Janet Ardt for healing in her arm and shoulder. (Added Aug 29)

We ask your prayers for Jeff McCallum who is making a decision on his cancer diagnosis. (Added Aug 29)

Pray for recovery for John Herrman who recently had a pacemaker implanted. (Added Aug 16)

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for the repose of Robert Lindstrom. (Added Sept 13)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jeff McCullum, a friend of the Papajacks. (Added Sept 6)

We pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Cazneau's sister-in-law Mandy. (Added Aug 30)

We give thanks for St. Bart's and every member of our community.

We give thanks for our the members of our Vestry who use their time and talents to guide this parish.

We give thanks to Debbie Raber, this year's Stewardship Chair – Debbie is working hard to encourage all St. Bart's folks to help financially support our mission and ministry.

All Will Be Well - Keep the Faith!