



CHURCH *of the* GOOD SHEPHERD

Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

Holy Eucharist Rite Two 10:30 A.M. 20 September 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

The Word of God

Hymn in Procession #410

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis #S-280

Robert Powell

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 Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

Psalm 145:1-8

Sung in alternation by verse



1 I will exalt you, O | God my King, *
and bless your Name for ev- | er and ever.

2 Every day will | I bless you *
and praise your Name for ev- | er 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 de- | clare 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 Epistle

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

Sequence Hymn #551 (v. 1)

Rise up, ye saints of God

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: 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.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #551 (vv. 2, 3)

Rise up, ye saints of God

The Sermon The Rev. William T. Campbell

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People, Form III **BCP 387**

The Confession and Absolution **BCP 360**

The Peace **BCP 360**

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Prayer of Birthday and Anniversary

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Hymn at the Presentation of Gifts

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus #S-125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Richard Proulx

Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at this Altar

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

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

Hymn in Procession #411

O bless the Lord, my soul

The Dismissal

Postlude

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