

Christ Church Cathedral **†** Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, September 20, 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Proper 20, Year A

PRELUDE Matt Endahl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are so glad you have joined us this evening and we hope you make yourself comfortable and enjoy an ancient service of worship in a casual context.
- The offering you submit online this evening will represent the first fruits of your life and labor dedicated to God. It will be used for the work of God's kingdom at the corner of 9th and Broadway, and beyond.
- We are celebrating the service of Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, which begins on (*BCP*, *p. 355*).

OPENING HYMN

Great is the Lord

Michael W. and Deborah Smith

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory, great is the Lord and worthy of praise Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice Great is the Lord, great is the Lord

OPENING ACCLAMATION

LeaderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader

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.

People Amen

Bless the Lord, my soul; and and bless God's holy name Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Leader	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**.

OLD TESTAMENT 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

- 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.

GOSPEL HYMN	If You Believe and I Believe	Zimbabwe Traditional
	If you believe and I believe, and we together pray The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's peopl	e free
	And set God's people free, and set God's people free	

And set God's people free, and set God's people free The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free

THE GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 20:1-16

ReaderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory 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.

THE SERMON – The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis *A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

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, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. We pray For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and John, the Bishop of Tennessee and for all the clergy and people. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Bless the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti, especially the residents of Kantuta House at Amistad Mission, Bolivia: Silvia, Marina, Delina, Neysa, Noemina, Santiago, Elsa, Gary, Jhoel, Pilar, Magaly, Brayan, Jorge, Raúl, and Mamá María Laura. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, the Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama, Bishop of Jaba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land; and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for all those serving our country at home and abroad, and all those who suffer because of civil strife, that war may end, and peace be established. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. For all teachers, students, and administrators and all places of learning. For those affected by the wildfires in the west, and for all those displaced from their homes. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most mercif ul Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Worship Leader concludes with the Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

LeaderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.La paz del Senor sea siempre contigo.PeopleAnd also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN Matt Endahl



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader	The Lord be with you.
Peopl <i>e</i>	And also with you.
Leader	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Leader	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer 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.

Leader And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, and we sing,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD

From Mass of Creation by M. Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, Hosanna in the highest!

The Eucharistic Prayer continues

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:

Leader and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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

Leader	As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
People	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 thou is the kingdom,
	and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst

THE INVITATION The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader Let us pray.

People 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.

CLOSING WORDS OF THANKS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to our readers, musicians, and to our technical director, Roger Rhoads. And to all those behind the scenes...

Please join us here at Christ Church Cathedral for BreakingBread@6 every Sunday evening. You are also invited to join our private Facebook group here: <u>https://bit.ly/2LQyZ0d</u>

If you are new to the BreakingBread@6 community and would like to be on our weekly email update, sign up here: <u>https://bit.ly/36pUy12</u>

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact **<u>rwineland@christcathedral.org</u>**

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH

The "BB@6 Zoom Coffee Hour" from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m., the link will be provided in the weekly email update prior to that first Sunday of the month. Next Coffee Hour will be Sunday, October 4.

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen**.

CLOSING SONG	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	Trad. Spiritual	
	I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me		
	In my trials, Lord walk with me; in my trials, Lord walk with me When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me		
	In my sorrows, Lord walk with me; in my sorrows, Lord walk w When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with		

THE DISMISSAL

LeaderGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADER/PREACHER The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis, *Associate for Evangelism and Christian Formation*

MUSICIAN Matt Endahl