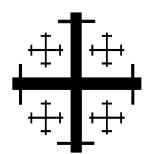
Pentecost XVII

24 September 2023

9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful,

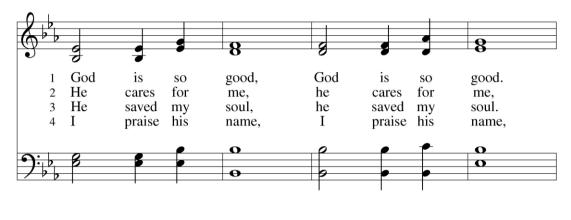
abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

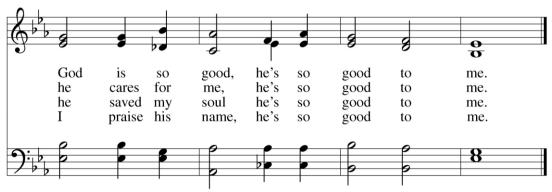
Prelude How Firm a Foundation, Variation 1, 2 & 3, Arr Janet Linker / Alfred Fedak

Please stand & face the Baptismal font

Penitential Rite

God Is So Good





Text: traditional

Music: GOD IS SO GOOD, traditional

L The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. for the LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. I urge you, therefore, to live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ (Psalm 145:9,14 Philippians 1:27). Let us confess the ways in which we fail to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L The LORD is near to all who call on him in truth.
- C You are just in all your ways, and kind in all your doings. You fulfill the desire of all who fear you. Hear our cry, O LORD, and save us (Psalm 145:17-19).
- The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, for the LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds (Psalm 145:8,13).

Vs. 4 God Is So Good

Apostolic Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ★ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please sit for today's scripture readings.

First Reading Jonah 3:10--4:11

¹⁰When 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.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He 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. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then 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.

⁶The 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. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When 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."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then

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. ¹¹And 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?"

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Cantor/choir sing REFRAIN, all echo and sing ff. verses



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Verses

- 1. All ages celebrate, praise the splendor of your glory. Tell of your marvelous work. Age to age we tell your deeds. **REFRAIN**
- 2. All people celebrate, and proclaim your power and greatness. Tell of your gen'rous gifts, joyfully acclaim you love. **REFRAIN**
- 3. Our God is merciful, tender hearted, slow to anger, loving and ever kind; tenderly embracing all. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

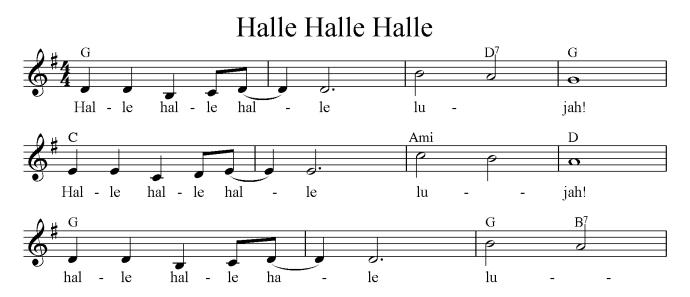
²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, 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, ²⁸and 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. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Holy Gospel





P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th chapter C Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And 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?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When 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.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, '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.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

- P The Gospel of Our Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *Pr Kyle*

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

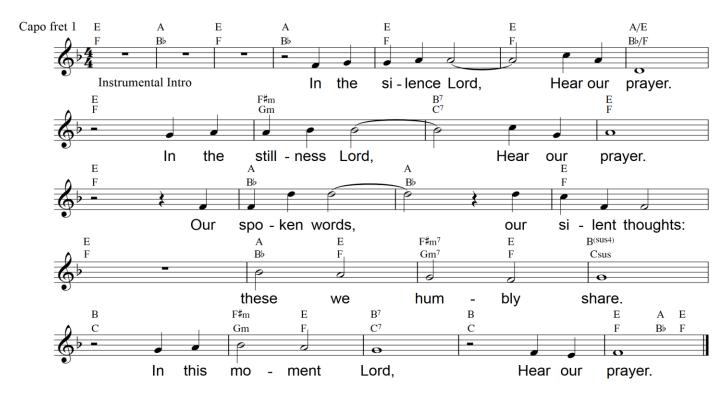
ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



after each petition

A Lord in your mercy, C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen.

Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory Send Out Thy Light M. A. Balakrieff (1837-1910)

Sanctuary Choir

Send out thy light O send thy truth, that they may lead me, O Lord, that they lead me to thy holy hill, lead me to thy holy hill. My soul shall trust in God the Lord, for I will yet give thanks to God who is the help of my countenance, and my God. Send out thy light O send thy truth that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.



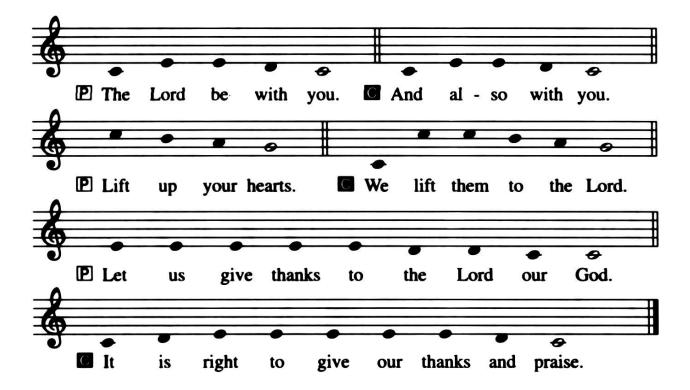
Please stand as our gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.





- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



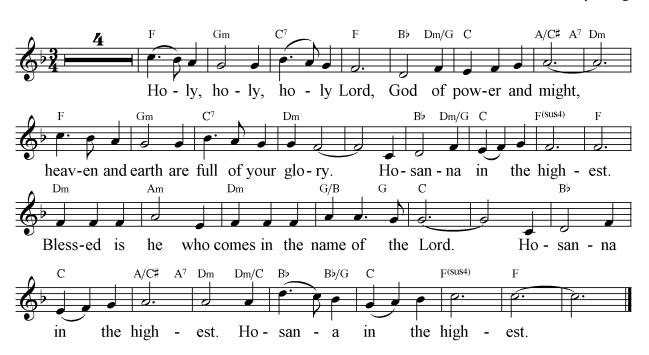
P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The day of your final Jubilee dawned in your Son, Jesus, your Anointed One who announced good news to the poor, bound up the broken-hearted, and set the captives free.

And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]

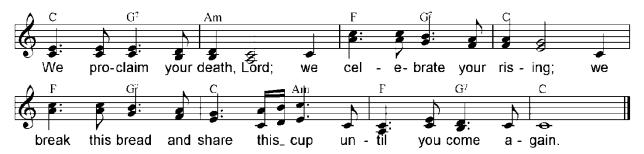
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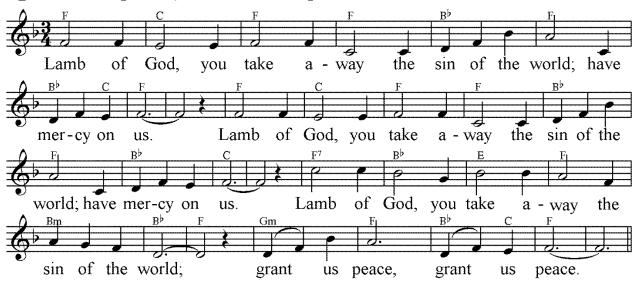
Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray
- ALL 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, forever and ever. Amen

Agnus Dei [Latin, Lamb of God]



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Holy Communion

The following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863 Music: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1815–1882

Give Me Jesus



P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle



- A Let us pray...We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

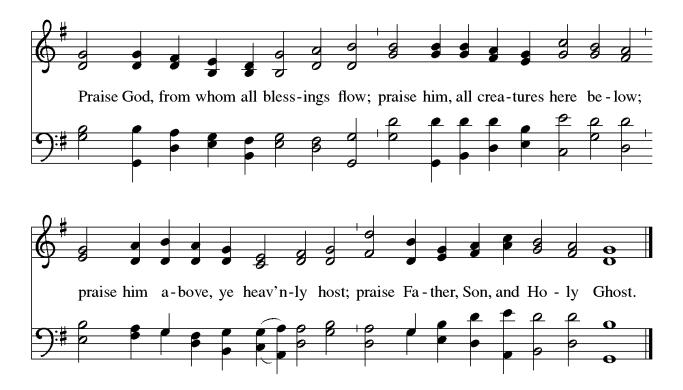
 Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure,

 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

C Amen

Sing, Instrumental interlude, Sing again

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Kenneth T. Kosche

Upcoming Commemorations

St. Michael and All Angels Friday Sept 29

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420 Sat. Sept 30

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

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Kyrie Eleison Music by Dinah Riendorf, Ghana @1987 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah: Music: Caribbean traditional, arr. Mark Sedio @ 1995 Augsburg Fortress; We Are an Offering Text & Music: Dwight Liles @1984 Bug & Bear Music, admin. Word Music, Inc. In the Silence Lord, Hear Our Prayer Text & Music by Mark Patterson @2001 Choristers Guild; "Eucharistic Preface", "Sanctus" from Santo, A Bilingual Communion Rite: Music adapted from an Argentinean folk melody by Marty Haugen @2001 GIA Publications, Inc.; Agnus Dei by Marty Haugen, Music, @1992 CPH Publishing; Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise Text by John Arthur, based on Ps. 105, @1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress; Music: James Capers @1993 Augsburg Fortress