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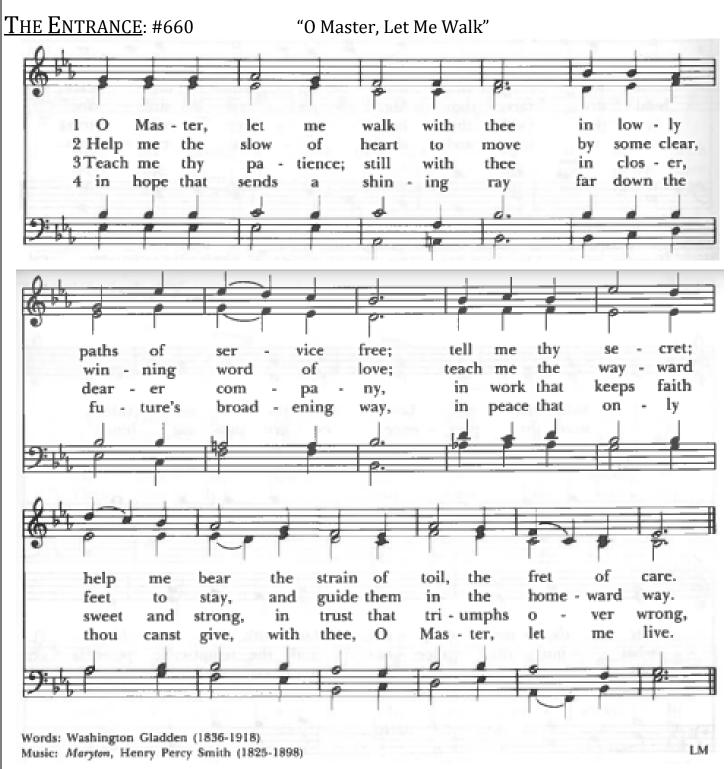
# MORNING PRAYER SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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PRELUDE:



#### THE OPENING

#### **Opening Sentence**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth: **Come let us adore him.** 

## Venite

Come let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, And will be forever. Amen.

# Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth: **Come let us adore him.** 

# <u>THE PSALM</u> Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Confitemini Domino

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 0 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!

### Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# THE LESSONS

### Exodus 16:2-15

# Kris Crane

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.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \* from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

# Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson (Philippians 1:21-30)

Bill Chase

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.

### Thanks be to God.

#### *Canticle 21 You are God Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.



The Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16)

#### Ginny Coltharp

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

The Homily

The Rev. Farrell Graves, PhD

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 to the dead. 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.

#### THE PRAYERS

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

# Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **And grant us your salvation.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **Let your people sing with joy.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **For only in you can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under your care; **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let your way be known upon earth; **Your saving health among all nations.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** Create in us clean hearts, O God; **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.** 

### THE COLLECTS

# Collect of the Day: Proper 20

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.** 

### For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Dominica.

# Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the Reformed Church in Latvia.

# A Collect for Sundays

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

Prayers and Intercessions

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

Silence

We pray to the LORD, to the God who is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Lord, you are our refuge and strength.

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those affected by Sally, by the fires in the west, and by other climate-related events; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are in the midst of us: **help us in our time of trouble.**  We pray for the young and those in education:

for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.

Silent prayer The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are our refuge and strength: **let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.** 

We pray for key workers:

for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for pharmacy workers, dispensing medicine, and social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, be with us in our time of need: **help us to do what has been asked of us, and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.** 

We pray for the police:

for those public servants on whom we call to protect, to serve, and to defend justice and our constitutional rights. May they be shielded from all danger and guided in the exercise of their civic duties by profound respect for the humanity of all.

Silent prayer

# The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world.

We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer, and for those on our prayer needs lists, especially Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Earl Miller, Jack Brennan, and Kathryn Bradley.

Silent prayer The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant: **bring us comfort and healing, for you are always willing to save.** 

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Episcopal Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop, for Fr. Farrell, Deacon Jean, and Deacon Mike, and for all who minister to the sick and the dying.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** Lord, you are in the midst of us: **keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works, and make us to be lights in the darkness.** 

We pray for those who have died:

for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.** 

We pray for our nation:

God of our Salvation, you have ordained that we should serve you in serving one another:

Look upon this nation, burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties, with infection, sickness, and untimely death.

Grant us grace to work together, with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness, we may have added to us all things that we need for our daily sustenance and the common good.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**  Lord, may those who have waited for you and hoped in your word know your steadfast love face to face.

We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help:

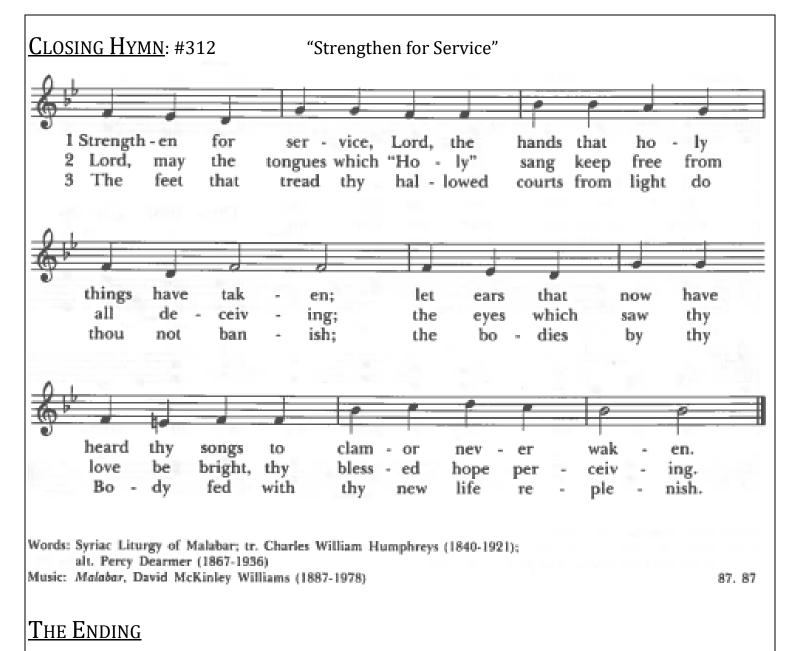
for you are the God of our salvation. This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

### Prayer when one cannot celebrate the Eucharist

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your wellbeloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 



#### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

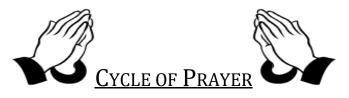
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

**POSTLUDE:** 

"La Vaillance"

#### ANNOUNCEMENT: Ramp for Jean Gillette

Once lumber is available, First Baptist Church plans to build a ramp for Jean Gillette, but they need some volunteers to help. David Brownfield will be collecting names and will inform those volunteers once the project can be scheduled. Thank you.



#### <u>Please pray for the following:</u>

#### **IN OUR WORLD:**

**IN OUR DIOCESE:** 

#### IN OUR COMPANION DIOCESE: IN OUR COMMUNITY:

**IN OUR PARISH:** 

The Dioceses of Myitkyina in Myanmar, Zonkwa in Nigeria and Zululand in South Africa Grace Episcopal & Christ the King Lutheran Church in Whiteville and The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry San Filipe Apóstol in Santo Domingo Seaside United Methodist Church, Waccamaw Elementary School, and Habitat for Humanity Steve Tuttle, Bev and Ron Veenker, Emily and Jerry Walborn, and Marion Walsh

#### For Healing:

<u>Acute Needs</u>: Robert Jones, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Earl Miller, Jack Brennan, and Kathryn Bradley.

#### **Ongoing Needs:**

Sterling Gray	Fran White	Donna Hinds
Jean Gillette	Ann Alexander	Frank Dieter
<b>Richard Wood</b>	Margaret Pazdan	Janet Thompson
Vicki Kay	Susan Weber	Walker Smallwood
Jannie Anello	Martie Tittle	
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Members of our Armed Forces & First Responders and their families

#### <u>We offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the</u> <u>following:</u>

**Sep 21:** Heather Holbrook

Sep 23: Allen & June Rundall

Sep 26: Stephen Robertson

Those on the Acute list will be prayed for by name during our services. All requested prayers are included in the daily Intercessory Prayers of the Rector and DOK for 1 month. Those not renewed by phone/card to the church office or through a DOK member will be removed. We ask the parish at large to uphold the names on both lists in their daily prayers.

# Our Daughters of the King also maintain the prayer alcove with vigil candles for your use in meditation.

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	THE REV. JEAN G. M			BILL CHASE – PROGRAMS LIAISON (2021)				
	THE REV. MICHAEL	LIGON – DEACON		NANCY DOUGHERTY – WORSHIP LIAISON (2020)				
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