

CHRIST CHURCH
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping with us today.

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

10:00 AM

THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360

He Leadeth Me, Arr. Heather Sorenson

Prelude

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved.

©2019 Lorenz Publishing Co., a division of The Lorenz Corporation.

Welcome

The Rev. Peter Munson

We welcome you to this time of worship. We are glad to have you with us, whether you are here in person or joining us online. The bulletin for our service of Ante-Communion can be found at christchurchaspen.org under the worship tab, click "service & handouts". The Bulletin is also linked in the description box below this YouTube video. The Sunday Newspaper, with the announcements, is distributed electronically in our Sunday Morning enews. Please sign up for our enews, on our website, to stay connected.

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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. *Amen.*

Gloria In Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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. (Please be seated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (Exodus 16:2-15)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45)

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

**Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.**

He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

**They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

**For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.**

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

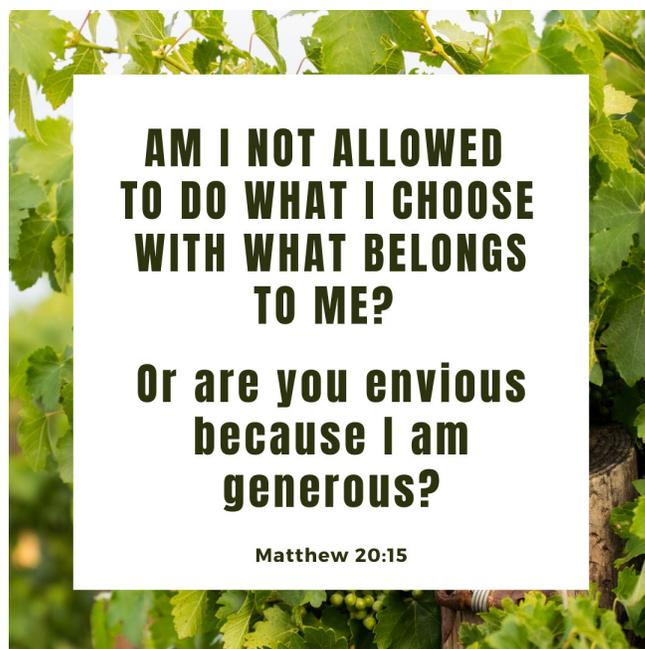
**He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (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.**

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 20:1-16)

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Peter Munson

A period of silence will be kept.

The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)

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.

Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers

Offertory Music

Kum Ba Yahm My Shepherd, Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved
© 2008 GlorySound

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

Prayer list Names:

Christ Episcopal Church Members: Phyllis, Jan, Bob & Marsha, George, Margo & Keith, Veronica, BobbiAnn, John, Kim, Tom, Bob, All those serving their country, the young people and students of Aspen

Friends and Family of CEC Members: Brad, Robin, Family and Friends of Armando, Julia, Dolly, Campbell, Jack, Noel, Susan & Mickey, Petra, Harrison, Charlie, Elizabeth, Beverly, Jocelyn, Henry, Annie, Otto

We pray for the repose of the soul of The Rev. Melissa Kean, a young priest from the Diocese of Colorado, who died last week. We pray for comfort for her parents, brother, and sister-in-law, and for the people of St. Peter's in Rome, Georgia, where she served as Associate Rector.

We pray for the health and well-being of all of our members and visitors, as we resume in-person worship and continue our online worship.

We pray for rain in the West. We give thanks for all firefighters and pray for their protection and safety. For the doctors, nurses and first responders in the Roaring Fork Valley and throughout the world, as they combat the coronavirus pandemic, and for all those who are suffering with the coronavirus. We pray for healing. We pray for the thousands of souls who have died from the coronavirus around the world this week.

Let Us Pray for Christ Church

Father, we ask for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We thank you for blessing us as you have. Especially at this time of transition for our church, we ask for your help in discerning your will as we pursue our rector search process. We pray for your guidance as we seek to become the Christian community you wish us to be. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayer of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus name. Amen.

A Prayer for Social Justice (BCP, p.823)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Please stand

Presider: 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.

A Blessing by the Priest

Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

Postlude

Adore, Arr. Todd Beaney

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #400273-P. All rights reserved



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ASPEN
536 West North Street · Aspen CO 81611-1253
970.925.3278 / www.christchurchaspen.org

©2015 Common Hymnal Publishing