

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 20, 2020

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Introit: Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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.

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and call on the name of the LORD.

**Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6–9**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.**

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C** Alleluia.  
Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1–16**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Psalm 27:1–9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
**whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
**of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
**to eat up my flesh,**  
my adversaries and foes,  
**it is they who stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
**my heart shall not fear;**  
though war arise against me,  
**yet I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
**that will I seek after:**  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
**all the days of my life,**

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
**and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter  
**in the day of trouble;**  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
**he will lift me high upon a rock.**

<sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up  
**above my enemies all around me,**  
**and I will offer in his tent**  
**sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
**"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

<sup>9</sup>**Hide not your face from me.**  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
**O you who have been my help.**

Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
**O God of my salvation!**

### Sermon "Seek the Lord" Isaiah 55:6-9

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

#### Confirmation

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

**P**...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P**...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

#### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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