

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *William Williams, John Hughes*

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me now and evermore
Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it:

People ***Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.***

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People ***Who made heaven and earth.***

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me

People ***Let us go to the house of the Lord.***

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People ***The name of the Lord be praised.***

All ***Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.***

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.***

Celebrant Glory to the Father.
People ***Glory to the Son.***
Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.
People ***Forever Three in One.***
Celebrant Be glorified at home.
People ***Be glorified in church.***
Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.
People ***Be glorified in the United States.***
Celebrant Be glorified on earth.
People ***Be glorified in heaven.***
Celebrant Glory to the Father.
People ***Glory to the Son.***
Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.
People ***Forever Three in One.***
Celebrant Alleluia!
People ***Amen.***

The Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The first lesson is from the Apocrypha –Sirach, chapter 27 beginning to read at verse 30

³⁰ Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. ¹ The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. ² Forgive your neighbor the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. ³ Does anyone harbor anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? ⁴ If one has no mercy toward another like himself, can he then seek pardon for his own sins? ⁵ If a mere mortal harbors wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins? ⁶ Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments. ⁷ Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults. (NRSV)

Reader Here ends the reading

Psalm 103:1-14 *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin *
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgment *
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, *
his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, *
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father pities his own children, *
so is the Lord merciful to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**The second lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 14,
beginning to read at verse 5**

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew Chapter 18, beginning to read at verse 21

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the

debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’ (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All ***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 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

Celebrant Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ has promised that You will hear us when we ask in faith: Lord, receive the prayers we offer to You.

Psalmist We pray Lord that You guide and govern Your holy church and that You fill it with love and truth; grant it that unity, which is Your will, binding it together with Your Spirit.

All ***That we all may be one in Christ.***

Psalmist Grant that every member of this parish may truly and humbly serve You; Lord help us to be a home for the lost, a shelter for the homeless, a beacon that shines from the top of this hill. Let that beacon not only shine over New Braunfels but Texas and the world.

All ***That Your Name may be glorified by everyone.***

Psalmist We pray for those who suffer from hunger, illness, loneliness, imprisonment, loss of loved ones, loss of jobs. We lift up to You those You have placed on our hearts individually.

All ***Merciful God, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop, Clark, our Bishop, and Chuck and Owen our priests. Fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments.

All ***That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.***

Psalmist We pray for all who govern and exercise authority in the nations of the world.

All ***That there may be peace and justice among all.***

Psalmist For the nations of the world that they may peacefully co-exist, and that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. Strengthen and protect those serving and defending our nation at home and abroad.

All ***Bind them together, O Lord.***

Psalmist We pray for the persecuted church that the believers will sense God's presence; and that they feel connected to the greater Body of Christ. May they be comforted by God if they or their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Metairie, Louisiana. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

All ***Strengthen Your people, O Lord.***

Psalmist For the little children and babies: born and unborn, that their tender lives may be protected and their rights guarded.

All ***Protect them, O Lord.***

Psalmist We praise You and thank You for Your bountiful blessings. We know it is You who continues to provide for the growth of this City on a Hill. We pray for the continual support and commitment of this parish family who call this their church home.

All ***Lord, hear our prayers.***

Psalmist Send us, we pray, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to your honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All ***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. *(Luke 9:23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All ***Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive***

us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. ***Amen.***

All ***Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.***

The Peace

Offertory Song “Sing Of The Lord’s Goodness” *Ernest Sands*

Sing of the Lord’s goodness Father of all wisdom
Come to Him and bless His Name
Mercy He has shown us His love is forever
Faithful to the end of days

Chorus: Come then all you nations sing of the Lord’s goodness
Melodies of praise and thanks to God
Ring out the Lord’s glory praise Him with your music
Worship Him and bless His Name

Power He has wielded honor is His garment
Risen from the snares of death
His Word He has spoken one bread He has broken
New life He now gives to all *(to chorus)*

Courage in our darkness comfort in our sorrow
Spirit of our God most high
Solace for the weary pardon for the sinner
Splendor of the living God *(to chorus)*

Praise Him with your singing praise Him with the trumpet
Praise God with the lute and harp
Praise Him with the cymbals praise Him with your dancing
Praise God till the end of days *(to chorus)*

All sing Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant This is our God.

People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

Celebrant We are His people.

People ***We are redeemed.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, the wandering nomad, You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as a prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

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

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold 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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People **Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

*People **is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

*People **Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

Celebrant Christ is alive for ever.

*People **We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Mystery” *Charlie Hall*

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity - Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity

Bread of Heaven broken for me - Cup of salvation held out to drink

Christ has died and Christ is risen - Christ will come again

Communion Songs “Shoulders” *Ben Glover, Joel Smallbone, Luke Smallbone, Tedd T.*

When confusion’s my companion

And despair holds me for ransom

I will feel no fear I know that You are near

When I’m caught deep in the valley

With chaos for my company

I’ll find my comfort here

‘Cause I know that You are near

Chorus: My help comes from You

You're right here pulling me through
You carry my weakness my sickness my brokenness
All on Your shoulders Your shoulders
My help comes from You
You are my rest my rescue
I don't have to see to believe that You're lifting me
Up on Your shoulders Your shoulders

You mend what once was shattered
And You turn my tears to laughter
Your forgiveness is my fortress
Oh Your mercy is relentless (*to chorus*)

Bridge: My help is from You
My help is from You (*x2, to chorus*)

“All Sufficient Merit” *Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard*

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love He condescended eternal now in time
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

Chorus: It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host
Dressed in my Lord Jesus a crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine (*to chorus*)

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank You for the cross (*to chorus*)

“House Of The Lord” *Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham*

We worship the God who was we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus: There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet we shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet we’re gonna shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals we sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
‘Cause He hung up on that cross then He rose up from that grave
My God’s still rolling stones away (*to chorus*)

Bridge: We were the beggars and now we’re royalty
We were the prisoners and now we’re running free
We are forgiven accepted redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*bridge, chx2*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"

Henry Ernest Nichol, Russell Mauldin

We’ve a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right
A story of truth and mercy
A story of peace and light
A story of peace and light

Chorus: For the darkness shall turn to dawning

And the dawning to noon-day bright
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth
The kingdom of love and light

We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword
And shatter the spear and sword (*to chorus*)

We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigned above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love
And show us that God is love (*to chorus*)

Celebrant Words of dismissal.
All ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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