



St. Luke's Church

September 20, 2020

10:00 am

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rite Two

Opening Organ Voluntary

Aria in F Major (from Concerto Grosso No. 12)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Word of God

Opening Hymn Praise, my soul, the King of heaven *Lauda anima*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy trib-ute bring;
ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv-en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last-ing King.

2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo-ple in dis - tress;
praise him still, the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Opening Hymn (continued)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo-rious in his faith-ful - ness.

3. Fa-ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee-ble frame he knows;
in his hand he gen-tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide-ly yet his mer-cy flows.

Opening Hymn (continued)

Descant

4. An-gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
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sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

All Sing

Glory to God in the Highest

J. McConnaughey

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lo - rd God, heaven - ly King,
 al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
 thanks, we praise you for your Glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 sea - ted at the righ - t hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One you a - lone
 are the Lord, you a - lone are the Mo - st High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa -
 ther. A - - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

The congregation is seated for the lessons and psalm.

The First Lesson – 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

*The Anglican Chant Psalter
Setting #238 by Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)*



- 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 O 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!

The Second Lesson – 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn Singing songs of expectation Ton-y-Botel



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 20:1-16

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Ralph

The Nicene Creed

Said by all

BCP 358

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form IV
BCP 388

*The People may add petitions, either silently or aloud, during the
Silence following each petition.*

Intercessor says: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united
in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the
world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the
common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we
may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor
and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we
may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give
them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of
your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant: And now, 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.

The Blessing

Hymn

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long; Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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Closing Organ Voluntary

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Ministers In Today's Liturgy

Celebrant:	The Reverend Michael Ralph
Lector/Intercessor:	Celeste Nichols
Director of Music:	Stephen Trumbull
Supply Organist:	Jeff McConnaughey

Music Notes

The text of our opening hymn this morning, #410, *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, is one of two paraphrases by **Henry Francis Lyte** (1793-1847) of Psalm 103. Lyte was born in Kelso, Scotland and was a gifted writer, winning three poetry prizes while still a student at Trinity College, Dublin. He had intended to be a physician, but was led into the Christian ministry. Ordained in 1815, he served small parishes during his ministry and died in Nice while recuperating from tuberculosis. The hymn tune *Lauda Anima* was composed in 1869 for this text by **John Goss** (1800-1880). Born in Foreham, England to a father who served as an organist, Goss received his early music training at Chapel Royal and St. Paul's Cathedral. He served for a time as a tenor in the chorus at Covenant Garden after which he was appointed as an organist at Stockwell Chapel, then at St. Luke's, Chelsea, and St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1827, he became a professor of music harmony at the Royal Academy of Music where he stayed for forty-seven years. He was knighted in 1872 and received a Doctor of Music degree from Cambridge in 1876.

Our closing hymn this morning, #551 *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!* was written by **William Pierson Merrill** (1867-1954) who was an American Presbyterian clergyman, pacifist, author, and hymn writer. He was acknowledged during his time as one of the most influential ministers in America. Merrill was named the first president of the Church Peace Union, an organization of religious, academic, and political leaders aimed at promoting pacifism. The hymn's tune *Festal Song* was composed by **William Henry Walter** (1825-1893) for another text setting published in 1872. Walter was born in Newark, New Jersey, and was an organist at both a Presbyterian and an Episcopal church there. He served several Episcopal churches in the area and finally became organist at Trinity Chapel at Columbia University in 1865.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (14 August 1810 – 19 April 1876), the composer of the closing voluntary this morning, was an English organist and composer. After singing in the choir of the Chapel Royal as a boy, Samuel Sebastian embarked on a career as a musician, and was appointed organist at Hereford Cathedral in 1832. He moved to Exeter Cathedral three years later. He subsequently held appointments at Leeds Parish Church (now Leeds Minster) (from 1842), Winchester Cathedral (from 1849) and Gloucester Cathedral (1865-1876). In 1839 he received both his Bachelor of Music degree and a Doctor of Music degree from Oxford. He became a Professor of Organ at the Royal Academy of Music in 1850. Famous in his lifetime as one of his country's leading organists and choirmasters, he composed almost exclusively for the Church of England, which continues to cherish his memory. Of his hymn tunes the best-known are *Aurelia* and *Hereford*. *Aurelia* has been widely adopted in this country and is regularly heard there sung to the words, "The Church's One Foundation." It is amusing to note that Wesley, while at Winchester Cathedral, was taken to task by the Chapter because of his practice of leaving the service early and having his assistant play the closing part of the service so that Wesley could get to his favorite pub at opening time.

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