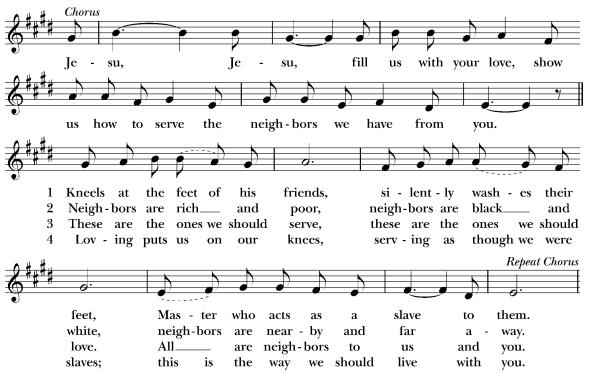
# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20



September 24, 2023 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude MaryAnn Hubbard, Flute





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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

# 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.** 

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

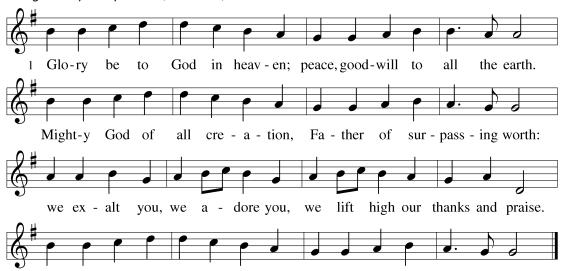
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

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.

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11:00 am)



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo" Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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# The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest 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.** 

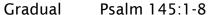
## The Lessons

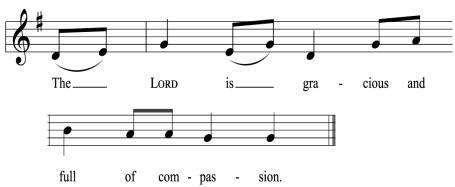
Jonah 3:10--4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways. God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. 4:1But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said. "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger. and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for vou to be angry?" 5Then lonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city, 6The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said. "Yes, angry enough to die." 10Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.





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- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O God my King, \* and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day will I bless you \* and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Refrain

- <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* there is no end to his greatness.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.

Refrain

- <sup>5</sup> I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your greatness.
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Refrain

- <sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

Refrain

# Sequence L-101 "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling" (vs. 1 & 4)



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# Philippians 1:21-30

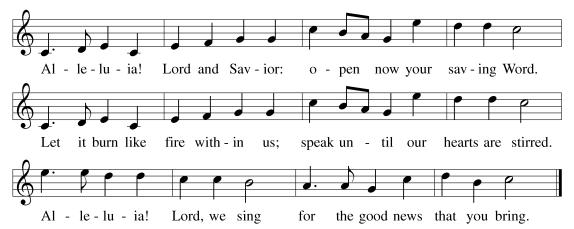
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since 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.

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# Gospel Acclamation



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Priest 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, saving, '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.

The Sermon The Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

### The Nicene Creed

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 Caring God,

We thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world

the heavens tell of your glory

for our land, its beauty, and its resources for the rich heritage we enjoy.

# We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and the sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for artists, scientists and visionaries, that through their work we may see creation afresh.

### Silence

We thank you for giving us life for all who enrich our experience.

# We pray:

for all who are deprived of fullness of life for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick,

especially Lotte, Patti, Shirley, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce, Carol, Phil, Jim and Bishop Curry.

for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your church,

for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation. Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;

may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, strengthen and guide us.

God of peace, let us, your people, know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.

Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

### Amen

Silence

The Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest says

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

### The Peace

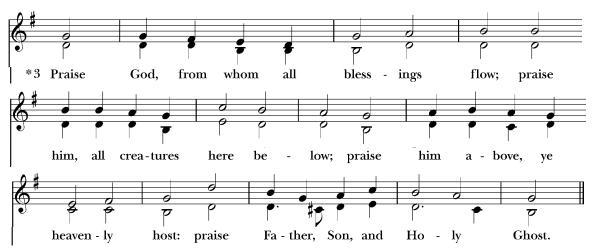
Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

# Offertory

Doxology (Old Hundredth, Hymn 380 v. 3)



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# The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



### Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

### The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

# **Hymns During Communion**

Hymn "Will you let me be your servant"



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Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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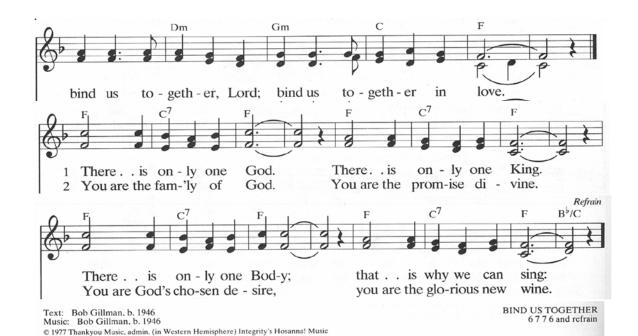
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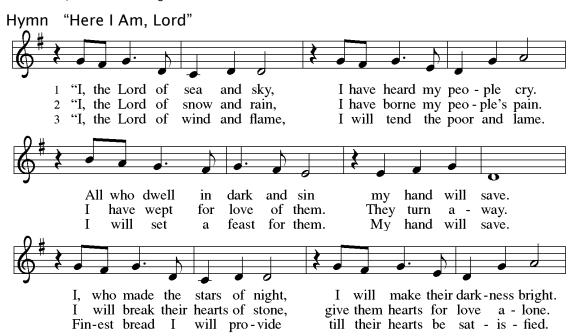
# Hymn "Bind us together"

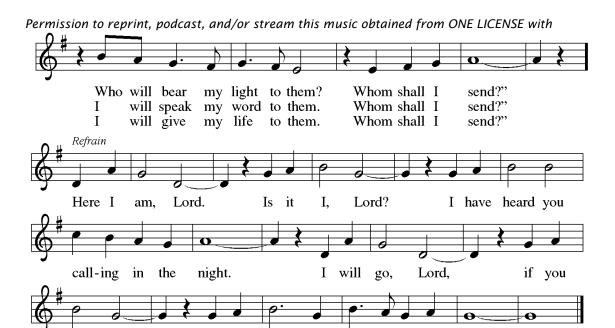


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lead me.
Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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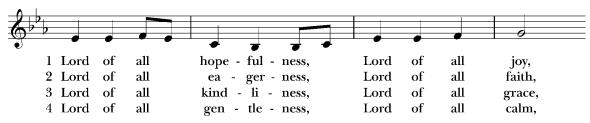
### After Communion, all say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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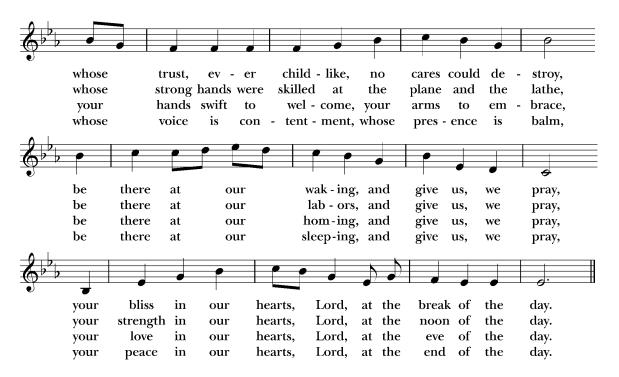
The Priest bestows the blessing

# Closing 482 "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy"



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heart.



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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

# The Flowers On The Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Honor of Fr. Bruce Michaud On the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

# **Readings for October 1**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 ~ Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 ~ Matthew 21:23-32

# **In Our Prayers**

LARCC: Ruth Circle at Grace Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Shirley Carr, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Tina Wilson (25), Adam Kelsch (27),

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Grace, Standish and St. Francis of Assisi, Shelbyville; Anglican: the Diocese of Central Florida (The Episcopal Church)

### **Announcements**

### **CHURCH PICNIC UPDATE**

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not be able to hold our annual church picnic at Camp Chick as originally planned. Instead, we will have picnic-themed potluck on Thursday, October 5th at Trinity. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to schedule a picnic at Camp Chick next year.

# TRINITY FUNDRAISER AUCTION UPDATE

Get ready to attend the Trinity fundraiser auction on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 5:00 P.M.!!!

More items to bid on! How about a few days' stay in a cottage in the UP? A pool party at the Plaza Pool? A monthly dessert for 3 months? Other items include a child's picnic table, a raised garden, a singing telegram to send, a card game bundle, and more!!

Donations continue to be appreciated. If you don't know what to donate, you can make a monetary contribution and we'll do the shopping. We are also looking for lottery tickets and funds for a meat bundle. If you have any questions, contact Ellen Eagan, Sonya Titus, Lori Maxwell, Sue Fitzpatrick, Sue Jackowiak, or Peggy Tomaszewski.

This Week's Calendar		
Today	9 & 11 AM 4 PM	,
Tuesday	1:30 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1:05 PM 5:15 PM 7 PM	, , ,
Thursday	All Day 5:00 PM	Church Office Closed Vestry
Friday	All Day 5:30 PM	Church Office Closed AA

### **FUTURE WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### Sunday, October 1

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

# Sunday, October 8

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

# Wednesdays, September 27 and October 4, 11, 18, 25

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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