

20 September 2026 - Trinity 16

GATHERING SONG:

361 Jesus, Stand Among Us

ENTRANCE HYMN

Stand

1 All Creatures Of Our God And King

GREETING

✠In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You came to reconcile us to the Father:
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of sin and division:
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us at the right hand of the Father:
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace,
on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise You, we bless You,
we adore You, we glorify You.
We give you thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, Almighty Father.**

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest,**

and on earth peace,
on earth peace to people of goodwill.

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, mercy on us;
have mercy, mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy, mercy on us.
have mercy, mercy on us.

Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace,
on earth peace to people of goodwill.

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, glory of God, glory of God the Father.

Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest,
and on earth peace,
on earth peace to people of goodwill.
Amen, Amen.

COLLECT

O Lord, hear the prayers of your people
who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..
Amen

FIRST READING: Jonah 3.10-end of 4
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Sit

When God saw what they 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.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became
angry. 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. And now, O Lord, please take my life
from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And
the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then
Jonah 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.

The 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. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When 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.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 145.1-8

I will bless and praise you for ever, O God my King

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all searching out.

I will bless and praise you for ever, O God my King

One generation shall praise your works to another
and declare your mighty acts.
They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will bless and praise you for ever, O God my King

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,
and I will also tell of your greatness.
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant
kindness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

I will bless and praise you for ever, O God my King

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.

I will bless and praise you for ever, O God my King

SECOND READING:*Sit*

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour 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.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Stand*

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Open our hearts, O Lord,

that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 20.1-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers 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 market-place; 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 labourers 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

<i>Sit</i>

NICENE CREED

<i>Stand</i>

**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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and 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,
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.**

INTERCESSIONS

<i>Stand</i>

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

✕ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS:

God Forgave My Sins In Jesus' Name

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to**

***He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.'***

<i>During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.</i>

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

148 I Cannot Tell Why He, Whom Angels Worship

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Receive with favour, O Lord,
we pray, the offerings of your people,
that what they profess with devotion and faith may be
theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

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

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Great is the mystery of faith:
Dying you destroyed our death,

**rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come; Lord Jesus, come.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people say:



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life:
Jesus, loving bearer of our sins:

***Hear our prayer, have mercy;
Hear our prayer, have mercy;
give us your peace.***

**Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man:
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:**

Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Life:
Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone:

**Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you
come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you
would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring
your service sheet with you.*

COMMUNION HYMN:
337 Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

COMMUNION HYMN:
313 Such Love

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Stand*

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..
Amen

NOTICES *Sit*

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

God, how can we forgive
when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
Your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
How can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,
When you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?
No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.