



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
20 September 2020

11 AM The Liturgy of the Word



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
the **Divine**

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**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Reverend Pamela Cooper-White, *Officiant*  
The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis, *Preacher*  
The Cathedral Choir

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**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593      Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741),  
I. [Allegro]                      arr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)  
II. Adagio  
III. Allegro

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**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

OPENING HYMN

*Sung by All.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Music: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*, Welsh melody, c. 1784. Verse 3 descant: Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**G**RANT 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.

*People* Amen.

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

**T**O 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.  
(1:21-30)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 145:1-8

*Said responsively.*

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

*Lector* I will exalt you, O God my King,

*People* and bless your Name for ever and ever.

*Lector* Every day will I bless you

*People* and praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Lector* Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

*People* there is no end to his greatness.

*Lector* One generation shall praise your works to another

*People* and shall declare your power.

*Lector* I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty

*People* and all your marvelous works.

*Lector* They shall speak of the might

of your wondrous acts,

*People* and I will tell of your greatness.

*Lector* They shall publish the remembrance

of your great goodness;

*People* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

*Lector* The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,

*People* slow to anger and of great kindness.

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**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Officiant* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS 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.” (20:1-16)

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis  
*Deacon*

## ANTHEM

*Simile est regnum cœlorum* Cristóbal de Morales (1500–1553)

**S**IMILE est regnum cœlorum  
 homini patri familias, qui exiit primo mane  
 conducere operarios in vineam suam.  
 Et egressus circa horam tertiam,  
 vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos,  
 et dixit illis: Ite et vos in vineam meam,  
 et quod justum fuerit, dabo vobis.

Cum sero autem factum esset,  
 dicit dominus vineæ procuratori suo:  
 Voca operarios et redde illis mercedem,  
 incipiens a novissimis usque ad primos.  
 Multi enim sunt vocati; pauci vero electi.

*The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
 who went out early in the morning  
 to hire laborers for 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."*

*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."  
 For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Matthew 20:1, 3–4, 8, 16

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by All.*

**W**E 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.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.*

*After each petition, the People say*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Officiant concludes with a collect, and the People respond*

Amen.

*The weekly list of Cathedral intercessions may be found on page 9 of this leaflet.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Officiant 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.

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## THE BLESSING

*The Officiant pronounces a blessing,  
and the People respond*

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The e - ne - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered\_\_ not.  
 may our God ful - fill his right - eous\_\_ will.  
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws\_\_ nigh.  
 with the set - ting sun,\_\_\_\_\_ "Ser - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813–1897), alt.

Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953); Verse 5 descant: Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Adagio and Fugue in F Minor Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

*Thanks to Jie Yi, Christopher Cloudus, and Goura Rivera for producing the hymn videos.*

*Special thanks to Christ the King Episcopal Church, Stone Ridge, NY for use of their organ for this service.*

**ONLINE SERVICES****MONDAY–SATURDAY**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Evening Prayer

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 PM Compline

**SUNDAY**

11 AM Liturgy of the Word

**INTERCESSIONS**

*The Cathedral Community intends to pray the following intercessions at all services in the course of the week. Congregants are always invited to name their intercessions aloud during the Prayers of the People.*

**I**N the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. In the New York Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, we pray for St. John's Church, Pleasantville.

For all those who are sick or in distress or any trouble:

David

Liz Milvy

Dan Bergfeld

Phil Hughes

Danuta Widlo

Patricia Cortez

Linda

Rick

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead:

Gary Cowling

Gillian Eversole Servais

**UPCOMING EVENTS****SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER**

11 AM – 12 PM

**UN Sunday.** For almost a half-century, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine has welcomed the President of the United Nations General Assembly to the pulpit at the start of each assembly session. This year's service will continue the tradition in a new format. Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir, President-Elect of the historic 75<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly, will deliver the sermon at the Cathedral's 40<sup>th</sup> annual UN Sunday service on September 27. The service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's website and Facebook page, [facebook.com/StJohnDivineNYC](https://facebook.com/StJohnDivineNYC).

**SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER**

10 AM – 4 PM

**The Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals.** The Cathedral of St. John the Divine welcomes you to a day of music, prayer, joy, blessings and fun in honor of Saint Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. While we cannot gather in person this year for the service or the outdoor fair, we're excited to offer an online extravaganza that will include pet blessings, children's activities, and a behind-the-scenes look at the history of one of our most beloved days of the year!

Your favorite furry, feathered, or finned companions are invited to take part in this celebratory day as well! To have your pet included in our St. Francis Day festivities, please email photos, names, social media handles and stories to [stfrancisday@stjohndivine.org](mailto:stfrancisday@stjohndivine.org). All species are welcome!

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES****THE CATHEDRAL REGATHERS**

Whether in person or on our website, there are many ways to join the Cathedral community and stay in touch. The Cathedral is now open limited hours, 7:30 AM – 1 PM seven days a week, for individual prayer, reflection, meditation and Columbarium visits. Our online community resources and programs, including streaming worship services, messages from the Dean, virtual tours, music recitals, and children's activities, and contact information for Cathedral clergy, are just a few clicks away at [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)  
SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at [tperry@stjohndivine.org](mailto:tperry@stjohndivine.org). Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR**

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, the Cathedral's Congregation of St. Saviour, or all the different ways to make the Cathedral your spiritual home, we would love to talk to you. Please contact the Vicar at [slee@stjohndivine.org](mailto:slee@stjohndivine.org).

**IMMIGRATION AND SANCTUARY RESOURCES**

The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**SERMONS ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE**

Visit the Cathedral's website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit [stjohndivine.org/worship/archive](http://stjohndivine.org/worship/archive) to listen and download.

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