



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC
September 20, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "Rise up, ye saints of God!", setting by Ronald A. Nelson

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, 234

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 Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

People The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"For 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Musical Interlude "O bless the Lord, my soul!", setting by Emma Lou Diemer

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy

For people in California, Oregon and Washington who are burdened by wildfires, for the repose of the souls of those who have died, for those suffering with poor air quality and for the thousands displaced by destruction and evacuation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour from drought and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our mother, Judaism and her celebration of Rosh Hashanah. As the new year begins, may the sounding of the Shofar be met with the presence of God and our reliance on God's grace and steadfast mercy. let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church throughout the world, that we, together with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, may be effective agents of social transformation and reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force for peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship, rather than enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own community, and especially for those among us who are dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those struggling in addiction, depression and despair that the light of God may be witnessed and felt by all in need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve others' loss as well as our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Strengthen all who suffer in mind or body especially: **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Joanne Bass,** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Hugh Stohler (24th) and Georgia McEwan (28th),** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs (Silence), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the 200,000 Americans who have died from Coronavirus and for the 948, 000 who have died the world over, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Paul Bamford and those who have died in the peace of Christ, (*Silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

Life is short and there is little time to make the glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So, let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Voluntary: "Glorious things of thee are spoken", setting by Greg Bottomley

Notes



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