



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

October 4, 2020

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**Greeting by Fr. Tyrone**

**Voluntary** "Christ is made the sure foundation", setting by David Lasky

### 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ✙ The Holy Gospel    Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and

killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

People            The Gospel of the Lord.  
                     **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

### **The Homily**

**Musical Interlude** "O love, how deep, how broad, how high", setting by Timothy Shaw

**The Prayers** (For individual use or with a family)

*In our toil and labor in the vineyard, we remain a people in need. Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry be that which will soon unite all in Christ and make us one, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our leaders in both church and state may accept their stewardship and accountability to God, and that there may be a rich harvest, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the peace of God which passes all understanding may lift from our suffering world its burdens of racism, xenophobia, anxiety, war, violence, oppression, poverty, and disease, and that God's fruitfulness will give life to all in need 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 of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord's vineyard may quickly extend its healthy branches through the world, sheltering the peoples with Christ's gentleness and loving-kindness, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Jesus, the stone which the builders rejected, may be recognized as the keystone of church and creation, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those celebrating birthdays this week may be blessed with days of joy including, **Leah** Underwood (4<sup>th</sup>); **Tom** Vitaglione (6<sup>th</sup>); **Katie** Critcher, **Debbie** Hostetter, **Marcee** Silver (8<sup>th</sup>) and **Paul** Lambert (11<sup>th</sup>), let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the people in California and along the west coast who are burdened by wildfires, may find solace and strength amid evacuation and destruction, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may bring our own needs to this time of prayer. (Silence), let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our society might be strengthened by a genuine commitment to justice and by faithful aims toward vibrant communities and safe and healthy citizens, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of empathy, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, including President Donald Trump and First Lady, Melania Trump find succor and be at peace, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the more than 1 million global citizens who have died in these past several months from Coronavirus including the 212,000 Americans, be gracefully remembered and gracefully grieved, (*Silence*) let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That longtime member, Peggy Webster and former member, Ken Coit, may be found by the Lord of the vineyard and shepherded into God's kingdom (*Silence*) let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

## **The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Voluntary:** "Ev'ry time I feel the spirit", arranged by Anne Krenz Organ



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