

*Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place*  
=== *Morning Prayer* ===  
*The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: September 20, 2020*  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Hymnal #376, “Joyful, Joyful,” v. 1 & 3

Verse 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

Verse 3:

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother;  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

Officiant     Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

Officiant     Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All            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.*

Priest        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.*

Officiant     Lord, open our lips.  
**Response**   *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*All            Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant     The earth is the Lord’s for he made it: Come let us adore him.

**Venite**    *Psalm 95:1-7*    *Venite, exultemus*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; \**  
*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*  
*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \**  
*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \**  
*and a great King above all gods.*  
*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \**  
*and the heights of the hills are his also.*  
*The sea is his, for he made it, \**  
*and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \**  
*and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*  
*For he is our God,*  
*and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \**  
*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

**Psalm**    *Psalm 145:1-8*    *Exaltabo te, Deus*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*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 greatly to be praised; \**  
*there is no end to his greatness.*

*One generation shall praise your works to another \**  
*and shall declare your power.*

*I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \**  
*and all your marvelous works.*

*They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \**  
*and I will tell of your greatness.*

*They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \**  
*they shall sing of your righteous deeds.*

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \**  
*slow to anger and of great kindness.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the*  
*beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## **The Old Testament – *Jonah 3:10-4:11***

*Reader:*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh 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 labor 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 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*Reader:*       The Word of the Lord.

***Response***    ***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Epistle – *Philippians 1:21-30***

*Reader:*

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.

*Reader:*       The Word of the Lord.

***Response***    ***Thanks be to God.***

### \*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*

The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, with a 9/8 time signature change in the middle and a final 6/8 time signature. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes.

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### The Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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, 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."

Officiant The Gospel of our Savior.

**Response** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### A Reflection – Rev. Lois

## 12 The Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65*

**Reader and People, RESPONSIVELY.**

### Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

### I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
***O heavens and all waters above the heavens.***  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
***all winds and fire and heat.***

Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
***drops of dew and flakes of snow.***  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
***O shining light and enfolding dark.***  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

### II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
***O whales and all that move in the waters.***

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
***and all you flocks and herds.***  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

### Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
***praise him and highly exalt him for ever.***

## The Apostles' Creed

*A Reader leads the recitation*

*Reader and People together*

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

*Response*      *And also with you.*

Officiant      Let us pray.

*All*              *Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.*

Officiant      Let us now pray:

### Suffrage B

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V.    Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R.    Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V.    Day by day we bless you;

**R.    We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.***  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. *For we put our trust in you.***  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. *And we shall never hope in vain.***

*Reader:* Holy God, you call us to be made holy, to be made in your image. We trust in your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves, opening our hearts and sharing our treasure freely. Bless the gifts that we have made in support of Christ the Lord Church and our community, thereby giving to the work of your church in our world. ***Amen.***

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **A Prayer for Saint Matthew**    *September 21*

Officiant    We thank you, heavenly father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **A Prayer for Knowledge of God's Creation**

*Reader:* Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **A Prayer for Conservation of Natural Resources**

*Reader:* Eternal Lord God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The General Thanksgiving**  
*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** [KRIS-us-tum]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* *Thanks be to God.*

**Closing Hymn** – Gather #426, “Though the Mountains May Fall,” v. 1 & 2

Refrain: (start here)

Thou the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,  
yet the love of the Lord will stand  
as a shelter for all who will call on his name,  
Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Verse 1:

Could the Lord ever leave you?  
Could the Lord forget his love?  
Though a mother forsake her child,  
he will not abandon you. (to Refrain)

Verse 2:

Should you turn and forsake him,  
he will gently call your name.  
Should you wander away from him,  
he will always take you back. (to Refrain)



Officiant    May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.    Romans 15:13*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!

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