

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HEAVENLY REST

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, September 20th, 2020
10:30 in the morning

Welcome to the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out our digital connection card on our website heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

PRELUDE

Barbradon Brooks, *harp*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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 of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.**

READING

Philippians 1:21-30

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *

continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *

O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *

in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *

because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *

and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *

and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *

so the river ran in the dry places.

42. For God remembered his holy word *

and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *

his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *

and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *

and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Romanik, Rector

Following the sermon, all stand for

THE NICENE CREED

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:
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Deacon

All kneel or stand.

Intercessor

God of love, we pray for your Church, and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, that we may carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love

Hear our prayers

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: for peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for all in positions of public trust; and for all who serve the common good. Inspire us to work for justice and resist evil, that the human family may be united in bonds of love.

Silence

God of freedom

Hear our prayers

God of creation, we pray for the earth you have entrusted to our care: for the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us the will to protect the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance you have given us.

Silence

God of creation

Hear our prayers

God of grace, we pray that this place be filled with the hospitality of angels, that we may be a repository of grace and haven of forgiveness and mercy. Give us open, generous welcoming hearts.

Silence

God of grace

Hear our prayers

God of mercy, we pray for all in any need or trouble: for those whose lives are closely linked with ours and those connected to us as part of the human family; for refugees and prisoners, for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; and for those facing violence. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, that we may seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Silence

God of mercy

Hear our prayers

God of new life, we pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone: that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Silence

God of new life

Hear our prayers

The Celebrant adds this or another concluding Collect.

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

A Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

During the organ interlude, the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Those who are worshipping online are encouraged to exchange the Peace with the other members of their household and greet one another in the comment section of the video feed.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Barbradon Brooks, *harp*

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel as they are able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant proceeds

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left to us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to participate in the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After sanitizing their hands, a masked priest will bring Communion in one kind to you in your pew. The priest will drop the host into your hands from a height of several inches. You may remove your mask to consume the host, but please put it back on after you have received Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over you chest.

During the distribution of Communion, we invite those of you who are worshipping with us online to participate spiritually in the Eucharist. If you find it helpful, you may use the prayer below to aid your Eucharistic devotion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses the People

All stand and sing

HYMN AT THE DISMISSAL *Singing Songs of Expectation*

Hymn 527

1. Sing - ing ___ songs of ex - pec ___ ta - tion, on - ward ___ goes the pil - grim band,
2. One the ___ light of God's own ___ pres - ence, o'er his ___ ran - somed peo - ple shed,
3. One the ___ strain the lips of ___ thou - sands lift as ___ from the heart of one;
5 through the ___ night of doubt and ___ sor - row, march - ing ___ to ___ the prom - ised land.
chasing ___ far the gloom and ___ ter - ror, bright - ening ___ all ___ the path ___ we tread:
9 one the ___ con - flict, one the ___ per - il, one the ___ march in God ___ be - gun:
13 Clear be ___ fore us through the ___ dark - ness gleams and ___ burns the guid - ing ___ light:
one the ___ ob - ject of our ___ jour - ney, one the ___ faith which nev - er ___ tires,
one the ___ glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the ___ far e - ter - nal ___ shore,
17 trust - ing ___ God we march to - geth - er step - ping ___ fear - less through the night.
one the ___ ear - nest look - ing ___ for - ward, one the ___ hope our God ___ in - spires.
where the ___ one al - might - y ___ Fa - ther reigns in ___ love ___ for ev - er - more.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Barbradon Brooks, *harp*

Please take your pew sheet with you after the service and maintain adequate distance as you depart.

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