



Church of St. Bartholomew
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 20, 2020

Organ Prelude: *Prelude in F major* Eric Thiman

Grace

Welcome

Hymn: 503 *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; His boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Collect Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 *read by Steve Woollcombe*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers 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 market-place; 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 labourers 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.'

Sermon *The Reverend Canon David Clunie*

Of Foreign Lands and People Robert Schumann

Prayers of the People

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord.
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, and all in authority under her; for our armed forces, for members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and for all who serve in diplomatic missions and NGOs; Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

In our Anglican Community, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and in our own Diocese we pray for Christ Church, Aylmer - The Reverend Jeannie Loughrey
For the Diocesan Director of Stewardship Development, Jane Scanlon, for volunteer university and college campus chaplains, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For wisdom for all in our educational system, and protection for teachers and students; we pray for parents and grandparents, their families and for school administrators and support staff.
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For the absolution and remission of all our sins and offences.
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who lack food, water, work or shelter; for all who suffer from wars, famine or disease, mindful of the fires on the west coast and huge storms in the east and south, and of the rising anxiety of a second wave of Covid-19; for first responders and support workers; for all medical researchers and professionals, especially those in hospitals and long-term care facilities. In our own parish we pray for *Liba, Margaret, Laurie, Harriott, Marissa, Mary, Fay, Don, Christina, Hana and her family, Harriet and her family in Africa, Michael and Kathleen*; and at St. Aidan's we pray for *Shirley, Lindsay, Yandi, Warren, Janet, Iris, Jim, Jim and Rosemary, Seare*, and we take a moment to remember those known to us and in need of prayer, and for those we have forgotten and you, O Lord, remember. (silence)
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, *Helen Bowie, loving family friend of the Evans, Stecyk-Ward family at St Aidan's, and for those who mourn her passing.*

God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offering: *Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.***



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Brereton by his wife Carolyn and sons William and James.

Hymn: 388 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering – showing that the Lord is near.
Thus, they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Postlude: *Hornpipe from Suite in D minor* Daniel Purcell

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Mini Concert with Téa Mamaladze

Minuet from "A Downland Suite"

John Ireland

In appreciation for this week's online service

The Reverend Canon David Clunie

Reader: Steve Woollcombe

Music: Timothy Piper Altar Guild: Pamela Mallon

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Art Works

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1. Pier Francesco di Jacopo Foschi (1502–67), *Payment of the Workers in the Lord's Vineyard*, 16th century. Private collection.
2. Jacob Willemsz de Wet (fl.1632–75). *Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard*, 17th century. Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest.
3. After Sir John Everett Millais (1829–96), "The Labourers in the Vineyard" (detail) from *The Parables of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*, 1864. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.
4. Rembrandt (1606–69), *Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard*, 1637. State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg.
5. Vincent Van Gogh (1853–90), *Red Vineyard at Arles (Montmajour)*, 1888. Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow.
6. Sir Alfred East (1849–1913), *The Sussex Downs*, date unknown. Private collection.
7. David Murray Smith (1865–1952), *On the Sussex Downs*, 1914. Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, England.