

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **364** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

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.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year A, Proper 20

FIRST READING

Jon 3.10–4.11

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose,

God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labour, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 145

R. I will bless your name for ever, my God
and King. (*All repeat*)

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise;
his glory is past searching out.
Men shall recount the might of your deeds
and proclaim your majesty. *R.*

The Lord loves all that he has made;
his mercy is over all his works.
All your works speak your praise
and your people give you thanks. *R.*

Your right hand raises those that fall
and those bowed down are lifted up.
All creatures wait on you for food
and from your hand their wants are filled. *R.*

The Lord is near to those who call;
he hears their cry and brings them help.
My mouth shall tell the praise of God,
and let all flesh his name adore. *R.*

SECOND READING

Php 1.21-30

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians.

To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If
I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful
labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I can-
not tell. 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 on your account. Convinced
of this, I know that I will remain and continue
with you all, for your progress and joy in the
faith, so that in me you may have ample cause
to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming
to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of
the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come
and see you or am absent, I may hear of you
that you are standing firm in one spirit, with
one mind striving side by side for the faith of
the gospel, and not frightened in anything by
your opponents. This is a clear sign to them
of their destruction, but of your salvation,
and that from God. For it has been granted to
you that for the sake of Christ you should not
only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,
engaged in the same conflict that you saw I
had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN—**475**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 19.30

Alleluia. Many who are first will be last:
and the last will be first. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Mt 20.1-16

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:—

"The kingdom of heaven is like a master of
a house who went out early in the morning to
hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing
with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent
them into his vineyard. And going out about
the third hour he saw others standing idle in
the market-place, and to them he said, 'You go
into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I
will give you.' So they went. Going out again
about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did

the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no-one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'

"And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, 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 a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All *stand* to recite 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,

(all bow) **was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

(all rise) **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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

℣. Lord, hear us. ℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**
or ℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℟. **Hear our prayer.**

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

℣. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The Intercessions may end: Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All *stand* as the priest introduces the PEACE.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **467**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

God of mercy, look with favour upon our offering, and by this sacrament open to us the source from which all blessings flow; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.**
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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the **LORD'S PRAYER.**
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, the power and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us. (x 2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: grant us peace.

The priest gives the **COMMUNION INVITATION.**
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion is distributed.

The priest says the **POST-COMMUNION prayer.**
Almighty God, you have taught us through
your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the **BLESSING and DISMISSAL.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The service may be followed by the **ANGELUS.**
V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
R. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

V. And the Word was made flesh:
R. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
R. **That we may be made worthy of the**
promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,
was made known by the message of an angel,
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**