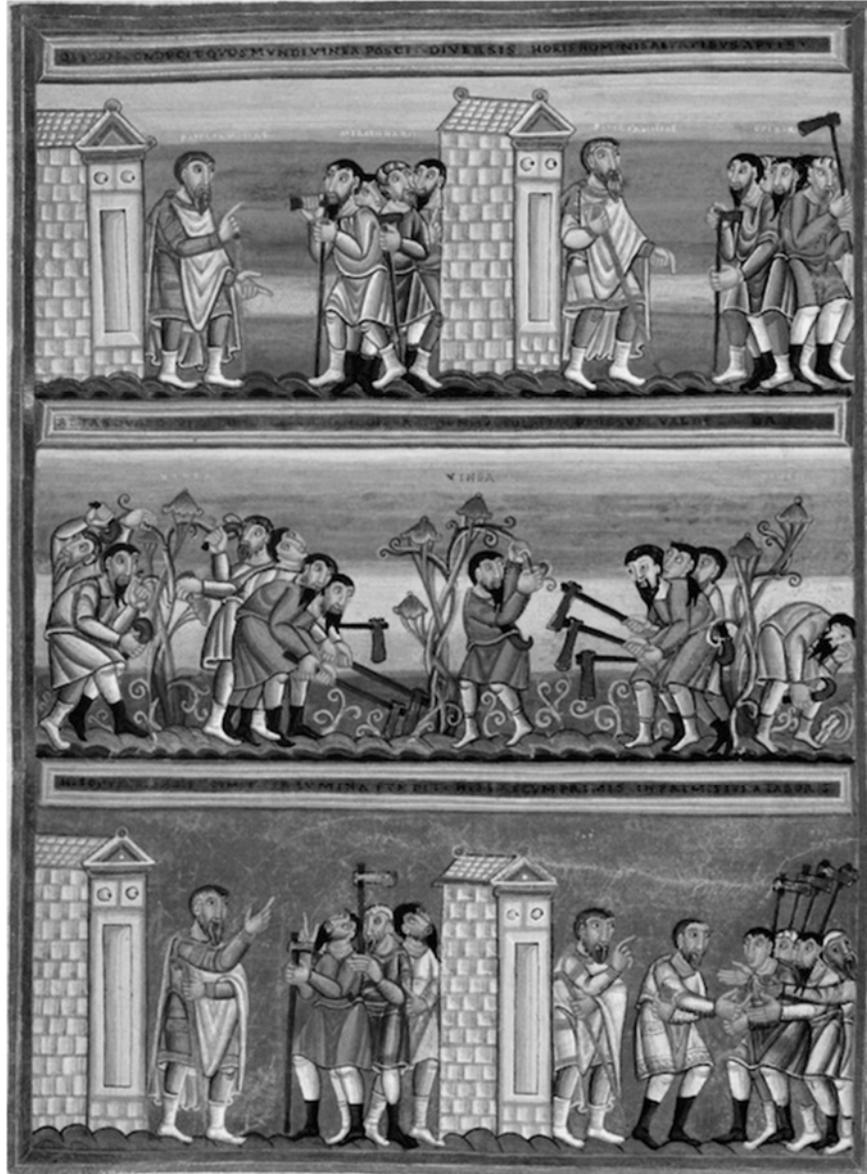


**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
ROSEVILLE, MN



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Proper 20, Year A  
**September 20, 2020**

# Welcome to Worship with St. Christopher's!

Wednesday service at 12:15 p.m. in the Kitchen Garden, weather permitting.

**Next Sunday's readings:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32. (*Pentecost 17, Proper 21, Year A.*)

**Audio recordings of sermons** and videos of Sunday worship are available online at our website. Please click on ACT, then Worship, and then Sermons.

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## The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### ***A Reading from Exodus [16:2-15]***

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When

the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.  
Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.  
Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.  
He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  
They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.  
For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.  
So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.**

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**He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!**

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi [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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**The Gospel— Matthew 20:1-16**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Randy W. Johnson*

*The people stand.*

**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**

*Form 6, Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

*The Deacon bids the prayers:*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and **Craig** our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Presider*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The people stand*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The people sit.*

## **Greetings & Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Christopher and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

### **The Invitation**

*Celebrant:* 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.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you  
have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your  
people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we  
may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen  
life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*The Deacon says the dismissal.*  
*The People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

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## Today's Readers:

Readers: Mary Pendergrass  
Don Shiek  
Intercessor: Bill Hanna  
Altar Guild: Kathy Ackerman

## Adult Formation

Via Zoom at 10:15 AM Sundays.

## Prayer List

Do you have names on the Parish Prayer list? Are they ready to come off the list? Please check the list below (also available in the office, or Ruth can email you a copy) and make sure your friends and family are up to date.

## Episcopal Relief and Development

Hurricane Laura slammed into the Gulf Coast last week, which was the same week that marked the 15-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Episcopal Relief & Development is in constant communication with the impacted dioceses working to reach vulnerable populations devastated by the storm. If you would like to support these efforts, visit: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>

## Food Drive News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Food Drive we held on August 14 to benefit Keystone Community Food Shelf! We received an email from Mary McKeown at Keystone thanking the St. Christopher's Community for the amazing gift of 876 pounds of food (shelf stable and fresh produce from the Giving Garden) and \$266.19 in financial support in August. We are in the early stages of planning another food drive for October, with dates and times soon to be communicated. —Al Reedstrom, Community Dinner Chair.

## Amazon "SMILE"

**Shopping online?** When you **#StartWithaSmile**, Amazon donates **0.5%** of the purchase price to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. Bookmark the link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-6009110>

[and support us every time you shop.](#) This quarter (April-June purchases), St. Christopher's received \$65.25 (nearly double what we received over the Christmas season!). We now have **51** separate individuals supporting St. Christopher's! THANK YOU, and keep shopping with a SMILE!

## ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

Updated for September 20, 2020

*This list is maintained in order to assist you in praying for the parish and larger community throughout the week.*

***Please pray for our Members and Friends who are in Acute need:***

***Please pray for our Shut Ins and Members with ongoing needs:***

Mary Barkley	Bob Curtis	Barb Swanson
Jerry Baxter	Barbara Danley	Jean Swesey
Jean Brandt	Don Horton	Evelynne Thompson
Dan Brown	Ken Ives	Barb Wilkinson
Dennis Buechler	Ebie Richards	Roberta Williams
Ruth Buechler	Mary Richards	Dave Stewart
Pamela Case	Marcia Rockwood	

***Please pray for our family and friends with ongoing needs:***

Barb & Roger Carsten, Pr. Jim Voelker, Karen Olson, Dan B., Tim & Sue Newman, Bonnie, Lois Purrington, Gretchen Glueck, Savannah Rausch, Geri & Bud Julkowski, Jerry, Renee Forst, Jack Cork, Bev Singleton, Olivia McLoughlin, Elizabeth Bergum, Steve & Pam, Wanda Alexander, Parker Bergum, Mary Jane LaPlant, Ruth Engdahl, Susan, Kirk Ingram, Amy, Marmie, Ann, Russ Amling, Virginia L. Nymeyer, Diane Ferry, Sue Hitchcock, ViAnn Arneson, Jim VonDeLinde, Brenda Beard Conley, Conner Eischens, Merle Anderson, Jan Holte, Dave Waring, Sydney Eischens, Kit Corti, Russell Hitchcock, Tim & Nancy Kersten, Missy Peterson.

**Pray for all who have died.**

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** please pray for the Diocese of Zululand (South Africa).

**In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of prayer,** please pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels, and all other institutions that do ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray also for the 163rd Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to be held virtually on September 25-26. Pray also for St. Matthew's faith communities in Chatfield and St. Paul.

**Please pray** for children caught in crisis at our borders, and around the world. Please pray for our neighbors who are refugees and immigrants. Please pray for the President and Congress of the United States. Please pray for Iowa. Please pray for the victims of the Coronavirus, and for the caregivers and first responders who care for them. Please pray for world peace and justice for all people; and for those whose lives have been disrupted by recent marches and riots worldwide. Please pray for those affected by storms and wildfires. **Please pray** also for our enemies and for those who wish us harm.

**In Thanksgiving:** we give thanks for the students and teachers learning new ways to "do school"; and the ministries of our members as they continue to live as the Church away from our building.

**We remember** those who celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries this week:

*Barb Jordahl, Joan Ingram*

*Bill and Darlene Cross, Christopher and Chelsie Huntley, Allison and Jeff Jensen,  
Bruce and Cheryl Warkentien, Peter and Cynthia Lee*