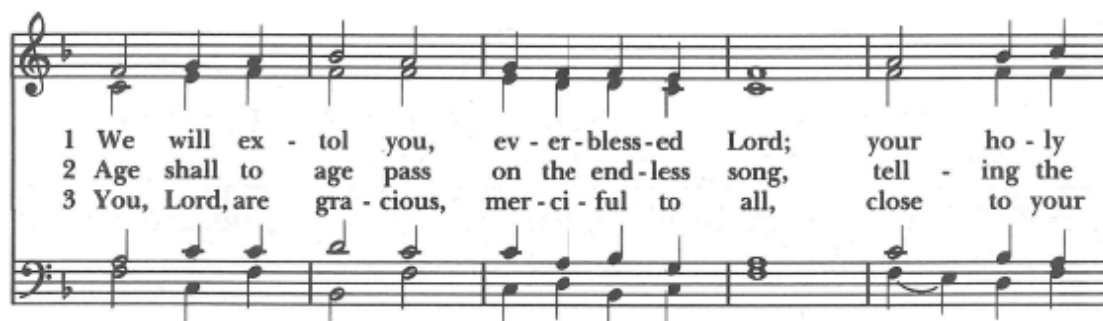
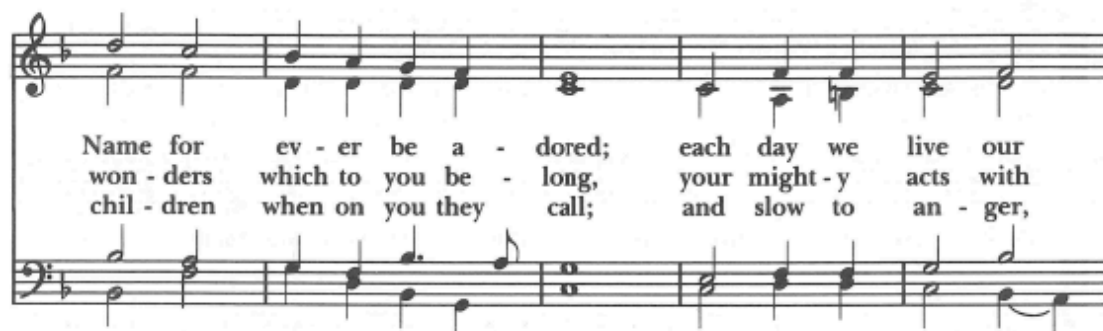


# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Opening Hymn, 404



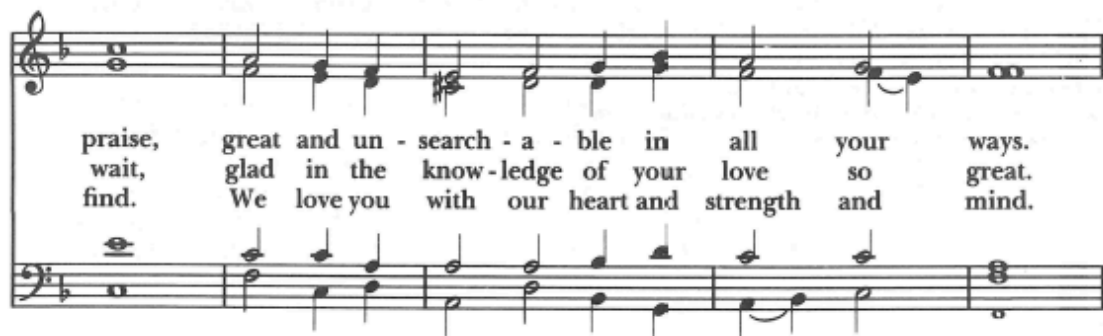
1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your



Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,



psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings



praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

*For those who are unable to partake of the Blessed Sacrament due to sickness, disability, natural disaster, quarantine, or family emergencies. Communicants may light a candle to acknowledge the presence of Christ; and may kneel, stand, or sit, as they prefer, or are able.*

*Officiant*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*Officiant:* 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.**

## **The Collect**

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.**

**Psalm 145:1-8**

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.**
- 2 Every day will I bless you \* and praise  
your Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be  
praised; \* there is no end to his  
greatness.**
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to  
another \* and shall declare your power.**
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your  
majesty \* and all your marvelous works.**
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your  
wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your  
greatness.**
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of  
your great goodness; \* they shall sing of  
your righteous deeds.**
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of  
compassion, \*slow to anger and of great  
kindness.**

## **The Epistle**

## **Philippians 1:21-30**

### **A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

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.**

## **The Holy 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.**

*A moment of silence is kept. Communicants may use this time to meditate on the Gospel.*

**The Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed** *In Unison*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer *In Unison:***

**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; now and forever. Amen.**

*In Unison*

**We thank you, Blessed Jesus, for the Bread of Heaven, and the Cup of Salvation; and for your Body made flesh in us.**

**General Thanksgiving *In Unison***

**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 our selves 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.**

## **The Blessing**

**Announcements and Offertory**

**Closing Hymn, 660**

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**Dismissal**

1 O Mas - ter let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.