



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

	SEPTEMBER 13 MP	SEPTEMBER 20
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Sharer	Deacon Nan	Bishop Mark
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	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
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Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

MORNING PRAYER

September 13th, 2026

Before service we will enter into a time of reflective quiet.

All stand

PROCESSIONAL

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Marvelous Grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the Blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

**Grace, Grace, God's Grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, Grace, God's Grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin;**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless Grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
You that are longing to see His Face,
Will you this moment His Grace receive?

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Officiant

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill, and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All prayerfully sit or kneel. Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept as we pause for reflection

Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant prays

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand

PRAISE MUSIC

“Good, Good Father”

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

**You're a good good Father, it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are;
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am.**

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word ***[Chorus]***

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us ***[Repeat]***

Love so un-deniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me, deeper still
As You call me, deeper still
As You call me, deeper still
Into love, love, love ***[Chorus]***

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THE INVITATORY

Officiant and the People remain standing

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Officiant

ANTIPHON

Alleluia. The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Officiant and People say

JUBILATE

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness,

and come before his presence with a song.

Be assured that the Lord, he is God; *

it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and
into his courts with praise; ***

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *

and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Be Joyful – Psalm 100

THE LESSONS

PSALM 103:1-14

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your sin *
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who saves your life from the pit *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness,
- 5 Who satisfies you with good things, *
renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness and judgment *
for all those who are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways to Moses, *
his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always chide us, *
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father pities his own children, *
so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

A reading from Romans 14:5-12 (Page 948)

After the reading the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand

CANTICLE

"Before The Throne Of God"

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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SECOND LESSON

A reading from Matthew 18:21-35 (Page 823)

After the reading the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

“His Mercy Is More”

Chorus

**Praise the Lord__ His mercy is more__
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. **[Chorus]**

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*Remain standing as Officiant introduces Sharer
Officiant and People bless Sharer, then sit*

SHARING – DCN. NAN JOYCE

All stand

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Officiant and People together

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 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.

Officiant continues

THE OFFERTORY

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? *1 John 3:17*

All stand

OFFERTORY SONG

"The Summons"

Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown in you
And you in Me

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Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound in you
And you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You
And You in me

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Remain standing

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

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Remain standing

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People together pray

**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.**

Prayerfully sit or kneel

SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Officiant

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH

To Await Christ's Return

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A MINISTER

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

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 ourselves 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.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant continues

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

MILESTONES

All stand

RECESSIONAL

“Shout to the North”

WOMEN

Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King;
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.

Refrain

**Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west;
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

MEN

Rise up, women of the truth;
Stand and sing to broken hearts;
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love. ***[Refrain]***

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Bridge

We've been through fire;
We've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name;
We've fallen deeper in love with You;
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Refrain

**Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west;
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

Rise up, church, with broken wings.
Fill this place with songs again,
Of our God who reigns on high;
By His grace again, we'll fly. ***[Refrain]***

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Officiant continues

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

Sir John Everett Millais
(1864)

“When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive someone, Jesus’ answer was ‘seventy-seven times.’ In Jewish tradition, some teachers allowed only three occasions for deliberate sin since the doubted the offender’s sincerity beyond that point.

“Jesus uses characteristics of a Gentile kingdom in this parable because some of the most shocking images would not work in a Jewish setting. The king would... settle accounts with his tax farmers. The tax farmers are responsible to pay him the taxes for the people they are assigned to tax; they would then recoup their cost and make a profit by collecting the taxes from the people. After bad harvest or other crises, however, the tax revenue might not be available. If the talents (bags of gold) are gold rather than silver, the amount this servant owes may be more than the amount of money in circulation in any petty kingdom in Jesus’ day (by comparison, Herod the Great’s annual tax revenue was about 800 talents), This was as much as 100 million denarii (as much as 70 or even 100 million days’ wages for a peasant. Indeed, perhaps the only reason the figure is not placed even higher is that the term translated ‘bags of gold’ here was the largest currency available, and ‘ten thousand’ was the largest numerical designation in Greek.

“The king could not hope to recoup his losses by selling the man and his family; the most expensive slave might sell for one talent, and often this could be the price for 20 slaves... Jewish teachers forbade selling wives or children to repay debts, but this is presumably a Gentile king... By imprisoning his fellow servant, the merciless man not only renders him unable to repay his debt... but also takes him out of active service for the king, costing the king even more money... Most Jewish hearers would have recoiled at the sound of torture, but they would have known that some gentile rulers practiced this, sometimes to extort money from the tortured person’s friends.”

(The Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible)