



# CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

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17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

|                    | SEPTEMBER 20  | SEPTEMBER 27  |
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| Officiant / Leader | Bishop Mark   | Fr. Newby     |
| Sharer             | Bishop Mark   | Fr. Newby     |
| Altar Guild        | Fritz Calkins | Fritz Calkins |
|                    | Judy Conlan   | Judy Conlan   |
| Chalice Bearer     | Doug Rotondi  | Phil Dean     |
| Lay Reader         | Phil Dean     | Danny Kaluza  |
| Ushers             | Rita Schoeps  | Sandy Vivian  |
|                    | Ron Kautzman  | Tom Vivian    |
| Sunday School      | Cynthia Weems | Cynthia Weems |
|                    | Vicky Dean    | Sally Kelly   |
| 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?

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026



*"So the last will be first, and the first last."*

*- Matthew 20:16*

*Before service we will enter a time of reflective  
quiet as we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

## **THE PROCESSIONAL**

*All stand.*

### ***“Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless”***

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
Thy chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness,  
With water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,  
But by thy word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on  
To our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,  
And do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine  
Thy Body and Thy Blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

*Text: James Montgomery*

*Music: (ST. AGNES, CM): John Bacchus Dykes*

## THE ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.*

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy  
Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with  
all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and  
great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall  
love your neighbor as yourself. On these two command-  
ments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

# THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**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.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; 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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# PRAISE MUSIC

*All stand.*

## ***“Cannons”***

### ***Chorus***

**(We're singing) You are holy  
Great and mighty  
The moon and the stars  
Declare who You are  
I'm so unworthy  
But still You love me  
Forever my heart  
Will sing of how great You are**

It's falling from the clouds  
A strange and lovely sound  
I hear it in the thunder and the rain  
It's ringing in the skies  
Like cannons in the night  
The music of the universe plays **[Chorus]**

Beautiful and free  
The song of galaxies  
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way  
Let's join in with the sound  
Come on let's sing it out  
As the music of the universe plays **[Chorus] [Bridge]**

### ***Bridge***

**All glory honor power is Yours amen  
All glory honor power is Yours amen  
All glory honor power is Yours, forever amen **[Chorus]****

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***(Music continues next page) →***

## ***“God I Look To You”***

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed  
Give me vision, to see things like You do  
God I look to You, You're where my help comes from  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do

### ***Chorus 1***

**I will love You Lord my strength  
I will love You Lord my shield  
I will love You Lord my rock  
Forever all my days, I will love You God [Return to Verse]**

### ***Chorus 2***

**Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Hallelujah our God reigns  
Forever all my days, Hallelujah [Repeat]**

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## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LESSONS

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## OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Jonah 3:10-4:11 (*Page 775*)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145:14-21

- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall \*  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand, \*  
and fill all things living with plenteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and merciful in all his works.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- <sup>19</sup> He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he also will hear their cry and will help them.
- <sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever  
and ever.

**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.**

## NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from Philippians 1:21-27 (Page 980)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

### ***“Ancient Words”***

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God’s own heart  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world where’er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home.

**Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart**

## THE GOSPEL

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. Matthew 20:1-16 (Page 825)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES**

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

**Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, changing you  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart**

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## **THE SERMON**

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**THE RT. REV. MARK ZIMMERMAN**

*The people stand*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People Standing*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please add your vocal petitions at the free intercession \**

*The person appointed says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For Archbishop Stephen Wood and his wife Jacqueline, Bishop Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Deacon Nan and Charlie, St. David’s Anglican Church in Post Falls with Fr. Joshua & Emily, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; for the Anglican Province of Rwanda, and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service; especially Donald our president, Greg our governor, members of congress, and those who serve in the courts.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Together*

**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.**

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*\*At this time additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say the following sentences, first saying*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have  
eternal life. *John 3:16*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Offertory Sentence*

And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you  
did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to  
me.” *Matthew 25:40*

## OFFERTORY SONG

*All stand.*

### ***“This Is Amazing Grace”***

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### ***Chorus***

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me**

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Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### ***Chorus***

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me**

### ***Bridge***

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave ***[Repeat 3x]***  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy ***[Chorus]***

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## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.  
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.  
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Proper Preface*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## THE SANCTUS

***“Sanctus”***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

*Tune: Land of Rest Arranged by: Marcia Pruner*

# THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." 

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit  to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, † that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People pray together*

**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.**

## THE FRACTION

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI

***“Lamb of God”***

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Have mer-cy on us.

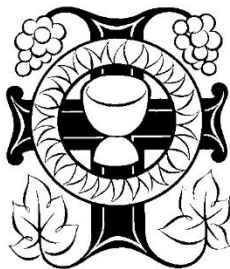
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

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## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



### COMMUNION HYMNS

#### ***“Christ Be With Me” - Solo***

Christ be with me, Christ before me  
Christ behind me, Christ within me  
Christ below me, Christ above me, Christ be with me  
At my right hand, at my left hand  
As I lie down, as I rise up  
As I stumble, as I fall down, Christ as I stand

#### ***Chorus***

**Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me**  
**Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me**  
**Christ in every eye that sees me**  
**Christ in every ear that hears me**

***[1<sup>st</sup> Time Return To Verse]***

#### ***Ending***

Amen, Amen

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***(Hymns continue next page) →***

## ***“Love Came Down”***

If my heart is overwhelmed, and I cannot hear Your voice  
I'll hold on to what is true, though I cannot see  
If the storms of life they come  
And the road ahead gets steep  
I will lift these hands in faith, I will believe

### ***Pre-Chorus***

I'll remind myself of all that You've done  
And the life I have because of Your Son

### ***Chorus***

**Love came down and rescued me  
Love came down and set me free  
And I am Yours I am forever Yours  
Mountain high or valley low  
I sing out remind my soul  
That I am Yours I am forever Yours**

When my heart is filled with hope  
And ev'ry promise comes my way  
When I feel Your hands of grace rest upon me  
Staying desp'rate for You God  
Staying humbled at Your feet  
I will lift these hands and praise, I will believe

### ***Pre-Chorus***

I'll remind myself of all that You've done  
And the life I have because of Your Son ***[Chorus]***

### ***Bridge***

I am Yours, I am Yours, for all my days Jesus I am Yours  
And I am Yours, I am Yours, for all my days Jesus I am Yours

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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

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## MILESTONES & CLERGY BLESSING

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### THE BLESSING

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE RECESSIONAL

*All stand.*

### ***“O Christ, The Word Incarnate”***

O Christ, the Word Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master  
received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

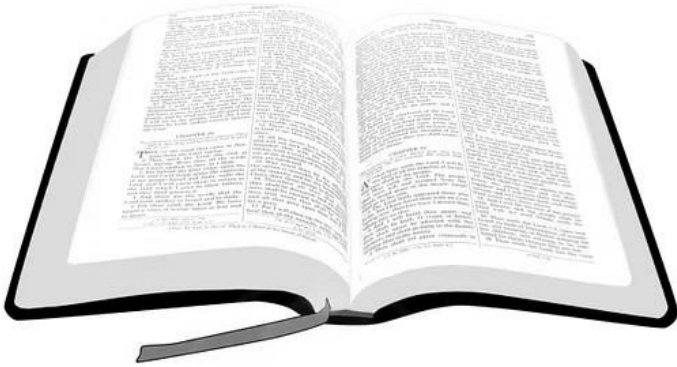
*William Walsham How (1823-1897) Music: Munich, melody, harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



*"Your word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light upon my path."*

Psalm 119:105

# PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

*Rembrandt van Rijn*  
(1606-1669)

"A landowner employs laborers at different hours of the day. When evening comes he rewards them equally: one denarius each. Now this incites the ones who began work early. How can the landowner be so unjust to ignore the toil and labor put in by them? How could the landowner not perceive the standards of hard work?

"They march straight to the manager. The helpless manager can't do much. He leads them to the owner himself. The room they walk into is gloomy and messy. It is no different than the office of a merchant of Amsterdam. Flanked across is an old chest upon which are stacked piles of papers, files and books indicating that the landowner is no idle man. A niche in the wall houses an oil lamp acknowledging his toil by night.

"What is intriguing here is that Rembrandt transforms the scene into an allegory. Peer intently at the foreground. You will notice along the tiled steps lies a cat. She plunges forward seizing a rat by her paws. She looks down at her delicious bait not knowing that she is being watched as well. Seated a step higher is her adversary. He stares and swears at his enemy. How can she devour her meal with him around? The animosity among the laborers is thus reflected in the legendary cat-dog feud.

"All in all, transcending the simple genre scene, the painting reveals its timeless moral standing. The parable focuses not so much on the grumbles as much as the 'generosity' of landowner (God). He does not distinguish between the workers who toiled all day (Jews) and the latecomers (Gentiles). He rewards all of them equally (salvation). His magnanimous, gracious generosity in no way matches our frail understanding. It hints at the Scandal of Grace who died in our place so that our soul may live!"  
([pottypadre.com](http://pottypadre.com))

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Rembrandt scenes always seem so dark. For many years as an art student, I thought that was how he painted them. Over the centuries, pollutants have darkened the oil paint and when restorers cleaned them, it was often amazing how much color and light was revealed.