

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2020
Worship 11:00 A.M.

Presiding Minister
Musician

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Our worship will be live streamed on our Facebook page: [St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert](#). You do not have to have a Facebook account to access that worship.

Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Weekly Prayer Petitions

Local: Cathedral Church of St. Andrew Anglican, Prince Rupert

Synod Parishes: North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry in Barriere and Clearwater and Spirit of Life Lutheran in Vancouver.

Anglican/Lutheran Joint Prayers: The Bishop, Clergy and People of the Diocese of British Columbia and the dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the BC Synod.

Discipleship Opportunities

1. Monday evenings at 7:00 PM we continue our book study of *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin J. DiAngelo. We invite both church and community members to join the study at any time. This group is held on Zoom and will run through Thanksgiving. Here is the Zoom invitation.

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Meeting ID: 893 7044 5799

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2. The Pastor will be Public by Zoom meeting this Wednesday, September 16, 2020 9:30 - 11:30AM PDT. You may call in from your home or cell phone to 1-778-907-2071 without the need for a computer or you can join by computer, tablet, or smart phone by either clicking the link below or by typing it into your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222984486?pwd=OHFicWZySkR1dHNpeklqMzU4RIJWUT09>

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3. We are convening a task force to plan and implement compliance with Provincial Health requirements prior to a return to in-person worship. Our tentative hope is to return to the building for the Advent season which begins December 1 however this may be altered at any time depending on the given situation. We will continue online worship even after our return to in-person worship for our friends near who feel safer worshipping online and far who worship with us from far away. Please contact the office if you are interested in assisting with this ministry.

4. There will be a live streamed funeral service for Britta Kuntze, Saturday, Oct 3 at 11:00 AM. The link to attend is <https://www.lutheranvictoria.ca/>. All who knew her are invited to attend.

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Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

By your grace, make us humble,

**cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L; God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom, renewed to do God's work in the world.

Amen.



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

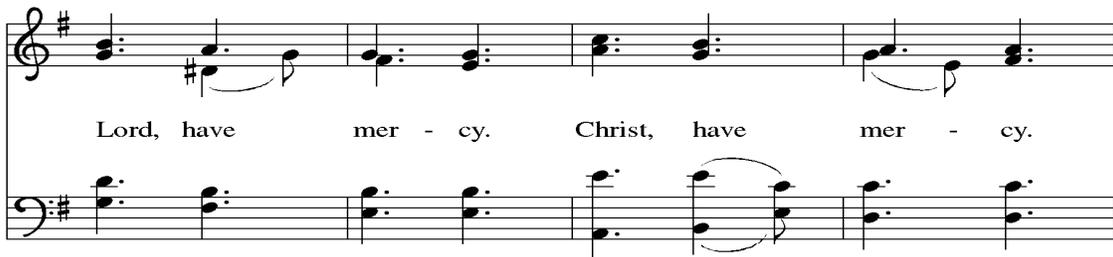
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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

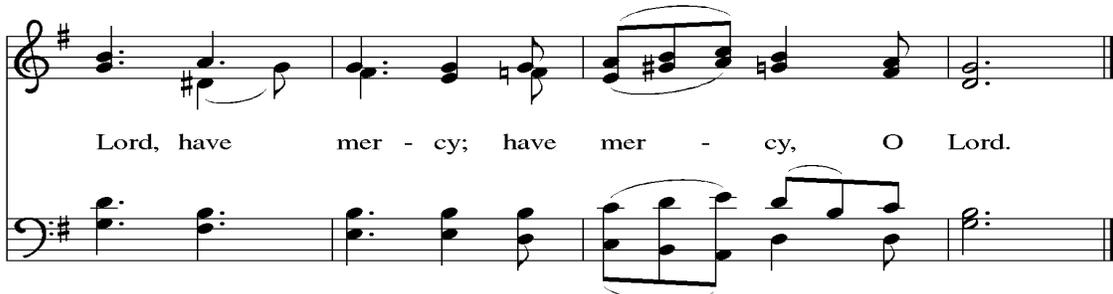
And also with you.

Kyrie

No. 154



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Our first reading is from the book of Isaiah, beginning at the 5th chapter.

5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

Our second reading is from the book of Philippians, beginning at the 3rd chapter

3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

We sing our gospel acclamation, hymn # 174 in your ELW. The Pastor will then sing a verse and then we will sing the Alleluia once more through.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

L: The stone the builders rejected
has become the very foundation;
The Lord's doing,
Is amazing in our eyes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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(Leader verse text written by Rev. Diana Edis)

The holy gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 20th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking

about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Diana Edis

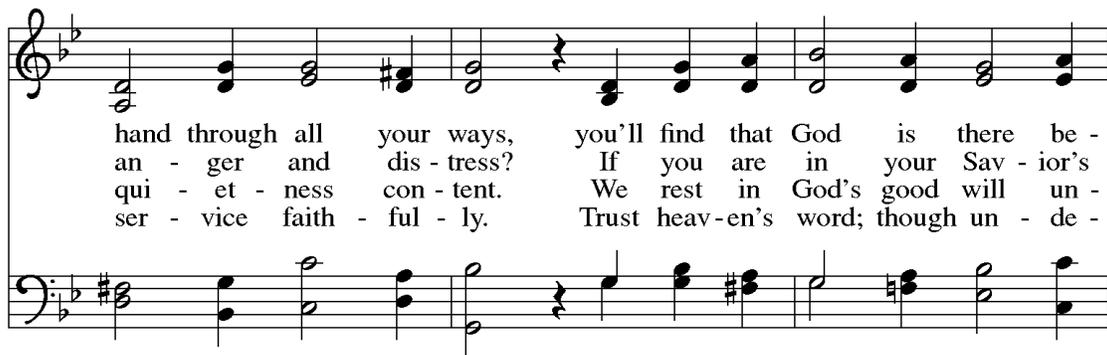
Hymn of the Day

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

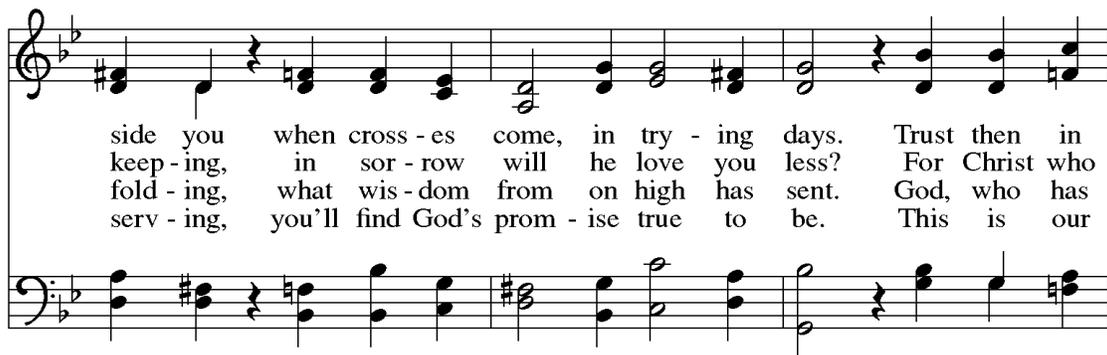
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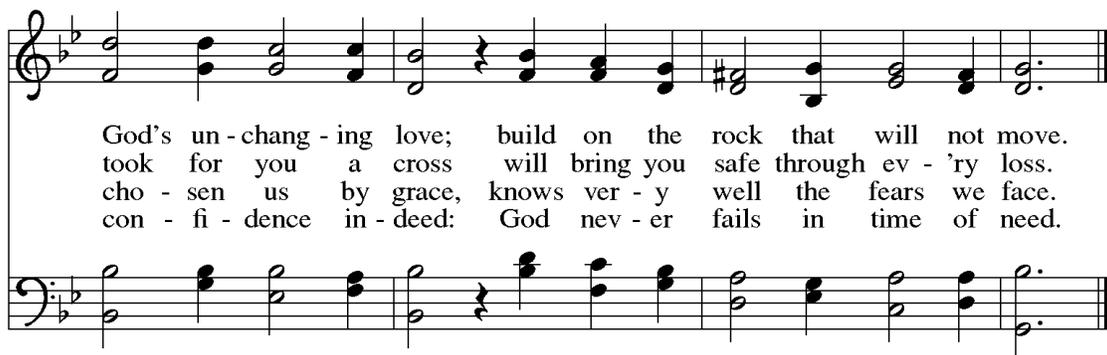
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession: (petition end: Lord, in your mercy.
(petition response: **Hear our prayer.**)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

*Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to
offering2stpauls@citywest.ca. You may also give electronically through CanadaHelps.
We can be found there at St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We enter into a time of communion. All people are invited to join in God's meal, however you may choose whether or not to participate. If you hear the call of the Holy Spirit inviting you, please respond. If you would like to learn more about communion you may call the church and speak with the pastor about its significance. You may prepare bread and wine or juice in advance of communion. You may wish to set up a small home altar for this purpose, using: a cross, a candle, an image of Christ (called an icon), and the bread and beverage if you feel so called. The pastor will have a half loaf, symbolizing that the other half of that loaf is present in front of you in your various abiding places. When the bread and beverage are offered by the pastor

and you eat and drink you may respond, "Amen." Members of the same household are encouraged to serve one another.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise you O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit across time and space, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Using whatever version of that prayer comforts you, we 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

L: If the Holy Spirit calls you to this feast of bread and wine or juice, I invite you to receive that which has been prepared, each in our own places, but gathered together around the table of God. Although we are separated at this time by physical distance, we are united, made whole in the body of our Lord. Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

L: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

C: Amen

L: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour strengthen you to eternal life.

C: Amen

L: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of our saviour the Christ. Now that we have been nourished and forgiven, lead us from this place into your beloved world to wipe away the tears of others who hunger and thirst for both physical and spiritual nourishment. Having been guided by the example of that same Christ, lead us by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

L: Mothering God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

No. 538

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first line of music is: *En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá* / The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, *pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.* / to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live. The second line of music is: *Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar* / The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain *un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;* / to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; *me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.* / that falls to you and me and all who are made free. The third line of music is: *A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.* / Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: Thanks be to God.