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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist/NZ BCP: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**

**Piano**

**Processional**

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs 1,3,5)*

**Hymnal 494**

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given,  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.

## ***Greetings by Fr. Steve***

### **The Liturgy of The Word**

**BCP 355**

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

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant: 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 Gloria (*spoken*)**

**BCP 356**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect Of The Day**

**BCP 233**

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 First Lesson**

***A Reading from Jonah 3:10-4:11***

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 145:1-8** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

**BCP 801**

- 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 Second Lesson                      *A Reading from Philipians 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.

Lector:        The Word of the Lord.

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

1 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.

2 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.

### **The Gospel**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Recessional**

*“O Christ, The Word Incarnate” (vs 3)*

**Hymnal 632**

3 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.

**Sermon**

**Fr. Steve Karcher**

*A moment of reflection follows*

**Announcements**

**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 worshipped 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.**

**Prayers of the People-**

**NZ BCP**

(All standing, as he/she is able)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear us, when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for The Diocese of Texas, for St. Christopher's and All of Your Church.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission,

**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,

**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember Bill and Vera, may their example inspire and encourage us.

Father, we pray that you shall give comfort to those who mourn.

**We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

Celebrant: Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**BCP 360**

*A Brief Silence Is Kept*

**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 Absolution**

**BCP 360**

Celebrant: 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 Peace** *(shared by waving, smiling, peace signs, etc., from one's pew)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Newcomers / Birthdays / Anniversaries / Deployments**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 377**

Celebrant: Offer to God, as you can, a sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*(Feel free to drop any offering in the plate at the rear, as you leave today.)*

**Offertory Hymn**

**Piano**

*(The Priest prepares the Table)*

*The priest, and the People sing*

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 him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People say, together:*

**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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. *Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit* to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation**

**Celebrant:** 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.

*A brief silence is kept.*

## **Communion Hymn**

*"I Am The Bread of Life" (vs 1-5)*

**SOP 36**

1. I am the bread of life;  
He who comes to me shall not hunger.  
He who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him. (*refrain*)

**Refrain:**

And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever,  
he shall live for ever. *(refrain)*

3. Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you. *(refrain)*

4. I am the resurrection,  
I am the life;  
He who believes in me,  
even if he die,  
he shall live for ever. *(refrain)*

5. Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come  
into the world. *(refrain)*

**Refrain:**

And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day. *(repeat)*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and people:

**Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

BCP 339

May 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.**

## Recessional Hymn

*“Ye Holy Angels Bright” (vs 1-4)*

Hymnal 625

1 Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released,  
behold your Savior's face,  
God's praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives!

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

### **The Dismissal**

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **Postlude**

### **Organ**



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