Order of Worship
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16th Sunday after Pentecost

Virtual Worship Offered by the Episcopal Churches of
St. Andrew (New London) and The Epiphany (Newport) with
The Bishop of New Hampshire, The Right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld

PRELUDE

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

The Bishop introduces the service and invites us to CONFESS our sin.
Silence is kept for self-examination.

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 declares God’s FORGIVENESS.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

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.

HYMN 522 “Glorious things of thee are spoken”

Austria

St. Andrew’s Choir

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

2 See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
ever fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near;
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer’s blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
’Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE
Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilder-
ness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105.1-6, 37-45

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
   make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
   and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name; *
   let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
   continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
   his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
   O children of Jacob his chosen.
37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
   in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
   because they were afraid of them.
39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 20.1-16

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.

SERMON The Right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld
The Bishop of New Hampshire

HYMN “Though I am humble as a child”
O Rowan Tree
A paraphrase of the Magnificat by Adam Tice
Sung by Alison Adam of the Iona Community

1 Though I am humble as a child,
   My soul sings out in praise.
   O God, you turned to me and smiled;
   I marvel at your ways.
   All generations yet to be
   will lavish me with fame,
   for you have done great things for me,
   and holy is your name.

2 From age to age your mercy falls
   on ev’ryone like rain.
   You tear down thrones and topple walls;
   you lift the poor from pain.
   You bring the hungry to your feast
   and leave the rich outside.
   you magnify the last and least,
   and turn your face from pride.
3 To Abraham and all his seed
your promises hold true.
You help us in our times of need;
your hand still guides us through.
O God, you turn to us and smile;
we marvel at your ways.
As earth and heaven reconcile,
our souls sing out in praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING PRAYER

God most high,
your ways are not our ways,
for your kindness is lavished equally upon all.
Teach us to welcome your mercy towards others,
even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves.
Make us faithful laborers in the service of your kingdom
and make us faithful followers of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Master and our Savior.
Amen.

HYMN “We rejoice to be God’s chosen” Nettleton

Words & Arr. John L Bell

1 We rejoice to be God’s chosen,
not through virtue, work, or skill,
but because God’s love is generous
unconformed to human will.
And because God’s love is restless
like the surging of the sea,
we are pulled by heav'n's dynamic
to become, not just to be.

2 We rejoice to be God's chosen,
to be gathered to God's side
not to build a pious ghetto
or be steeped in selfish pride;
but to celebrate the goodness
of the One who sets us free
from the smallness of our vision
to become, not just to be.

3 We rejoice to be God's chosen,
to align with heav'n's intent,
to await where we are summoned,
and accept where we are sent.
We rejoice to be God's chosen
and amidst all that we see,
to anticipate with wonder
that the best is yet to be.

BLESSING

To the words of DISMISSAL, all respond:
Thanks be to God.
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