



“He told them,  
‘You also  
go and  
*work*  
in my  
*vineyard*,  
and I will pay you  
whatever is right.”

MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

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Prelude

*I Come With Joy*

Cherwien

Opening Hymn

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
'til trav'ling days are done.

Call to worship:

Jesus, said, "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

As we gather in worship, let us take a few moments to invite Jesus to sit beside us, share with him what is on your mind and in your heart... allow him to take your burdens from you and give you the gift of his peace and love.

### **Prayer: Collect for Purity**

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**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World with-out end, without- end Amen. World with-out end, with-out end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

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### **First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>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."<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>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?" <sup>8</sup>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."<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"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.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

**Responsorial Psalm (145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18):**

**R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

**R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>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?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>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.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>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.' <sup>13</sup>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? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Sermon:           Just for today, I will do my work honestly   Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Montoya**

**Song of Response**      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      **PLEADING SAVIOR**

**1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, re-claiming, serving you by loving all.**

**An Affirmation** (Dr. Mikao Usui)

**Just for today, I will not worry.**

**Just for today, I will not be angry.**

**Just for today, I will do my work honestly.**

**Just for today, I will give thanks for my many blessings.**

**Just for today**

**, I will be kind to all living beings.**

**Prayers of the People**

***Hear Our Prayers, O God...***

**For health & healing:** *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147:3

We pray for:

~Loretta Senderhauf and the whole family of Roland Senderhauf, as Roland passed away this past week.

~Sandy Oleson and the whole family of Randy Oleson as Randy passed away September 10th.

~Dawn, daughter in-law of Laurel and wife of Brad Dayton, as she has recovered well from having her toe amputated and still remains in the hospital for complications of Diabetes.

~Pastor Dan's mom Patricia and her family as she anxiously awaits her bone marrow biopsy test results.

~Tracy, daughter of Nancy Kaye who remains in ICU and needs a liver transplant.

"Thank you for the continued prayers as she is now awake and sitting up, had the tube removed from her mouth and is able to eat on her own and is off most of the pain medications. Nancy Kaye."

~Kathy, who lives in Sandy, Oregon and is an old friend of Andy Oren. Kathy is currently in level 2 which means they need to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Kathy has a hotel room booked just in case but hoping the fires do not reach her community.

~Laura's Smith's dad that he continues to get better at home and for her mom to be able to keep up her strength as she continues to care for him.

~Joe and Laurie, son in law and daughter of Jackie Struck as Joe continues to recuperate at home after several months in the hospital and rehab center. It is a slow and long process.

~Jean, mother of Klockow's son in law Karl, as she has stage 4 inoperable brain cancer.

~Emily, daughter of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba, as she is in a recovery time and awaits her future treatment plan.

~Nick, Brad and Nancy Charles nephew, who is battling heroin addiction, is out of prison and battling the difficult transition back into "normal life".

Prayers for his family as well.

~Linda who resides in Connecticut, daughter of Jackie Struck who was able to return home from rehab last week. Prayers for continued healing.

~Sue Klockow's brother and Ken's sister who were both hospitalized and both have now been moved to rehab.

~Family of Ken and Sue who live in California close to where the fires are happening.

~Julene Flanagan's nephew who is dealing with Bipolar disorder and now out of the hospital struggling to get into a healthy daily routine.

~Greg, son of Paul and Doris Mayeshiba who continues to travel the state with the National Guard now thru the rest of the year assisting in setting up test sites long term and short term.

~Julene Flanagan's husbands uncle from Alaska who is suffering from Kidney Disease and is now in assisted living and for his son who is going thru health issues as well.

**Prayer Song**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying,*

*Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Invitation to the Offering

### Prayer of Dedication

### Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*A-men.*

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Holy

Holy, holy, holy lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are filled with your glory: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

### Closing Song

*Go Forth for God*

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

to serve God's people every day and hour,

and serving Christ, our every gift employ,

rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

2. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,

in God's good Spirit daily to increase,

till in the kingdom we see face to face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

3. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;

strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;

help the afflicted; richly from above

God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

4. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
God forth for God, go to the world in strength.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fanfare*

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**Happy Birthday to these wonderful folks!**

Patricia Popp September 20

Brad Boyle September 21

Melissa Wells-Nyklewicz September 21

Robert Fine September 22

Jean Flynn September 23

Madeline Rogge September 23

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