



# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:[Proper 20A]

September 20, 2020

9:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

*[Matthew 20:1]*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Wonder, Love and Praise, Hymn 761*



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



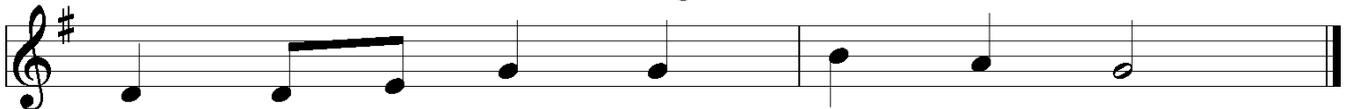
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
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Taste and see that God is good.  
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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: 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, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

*The congregation sits.*

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

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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 wilderness, 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."

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

- 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!**

**Second Lesson:       Philippians 1:21-30**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

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

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*People:* **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."

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

*All sit to hear*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Tom Wand

*All stand to say*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 worshiped 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.**

*All remain standing for the*  
**Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Generous and loving God, your providence surrounds us with all things necessary for our common life: Grant to your people such fulfillment in our life and work, that we may reach out in service and compassion toward others, as we pray for the needs of the world, saying: We search for you and your strength; we continually seek your face.

*People:* We search for you and your strength;  
**we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Bless your Church and her members as we labor in your vineyard, O Gracious One, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Daniel, our Bishop; Tom, our Priest; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Inspire our nation with honorable industry and a just economy, that ever  
We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, especially Donald, our President, along with members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,

**People: at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

*Leader:* Visit the earth with your pity and love to relieve all who live with violence,  
We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Give the bread from heaven to all who yearn and the bread from earth to all in need, that every person on your earth may have all things necessary for their wholeness and health.

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Inspire this community that all may live together in a worthy manner, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side for goodness

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* God of compassion, hear the complaints of all who suffer and give your generous attention to those for whom we offer our prayer in intercession, especially Jacob Blake; those who are near and far, those sickened, endangered, or quarantined because of the COVID-19 virus; those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of entering work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before You now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Hear our gladness and joy as we offer our thanksgivings, especially for Rebeca Chiapetta as she celebrates her birthday this week; for Stephen Graham, as we commemorate his baptism; for George Osborn and Robin Byrne, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID-19 virus; for the essential workers who put their health at risk for us; this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and for those other blessings we remember before You now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Leader:* Embrace with your eternal life those who have died, especially Joseph Dreyer, Mark "Beaster" Bireley, Louise Davis Crist, Timothy Dunlap, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Estherine Craig, John Lewis, Aaron Danielson, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; all those killed by unlawful violent acts, both by and against law enforcement officers; and those we remember before you now:

*Silence is kept.*

*The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.*

We search for you and your strength;

**People: we continually seek your face.**

*Celebrant:* You call your children at every hour into your divine work of reconciliation, O Holy One: Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be fruitful servants throughout our time in your vineyard, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

*All kneel as they are able or sit for the*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*            Let us confess our sins to God.

**All            God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*After the gifts of bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following*

### **Doxology**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the victory, and the majesty.  
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,  
**and you are exalted as head over all.**

*At the conclusion of the Doxology, the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer D (Expansive Language)**

*Celebrant:* God 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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,  
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;  
you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you  
to serve you night and day;  
and, beholding the glory of your presence,  
they offer you unceasing praise.  
Joining with them,  
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,  
we acclaim you, and glorify your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power.  
Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.  
You formed us in your own image,  
giving the whole world into our care,  
so that, in obedience to you, our Creator,  
we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you,  
you did not abandon us to the power of death.  
In your mercy you came to our help,  
so that in seeking you we might find you.  
Again and again you called us into covenant with you,  
and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much  
that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior.  
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin.  
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;  
to prisoners, freedom;  
to the sorrowful, joy.  
To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death;  
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death,  
and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves,

but for Christ who died and rose for us,  
you sent the Holy Spirit,  
your own first gift for those who believe,  
to complete your work in the world,  
and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ’s resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ’s coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon ✠ us, and upon ✠ these gifts,  
sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary,

with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**People: AMEN!!**

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation)** *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 364

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

**All 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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. This anthem is said.*

**Leader** God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People** **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

### **The Invitation**

*The Celebrant raises the elements and says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.” [The Book of Common Prayer, p. 457]**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**All: Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people.**

**We call to remembrance the many times**

**we have been fed at your table**

**and we lament our distance now.**

**Be present, Lord Jesus,**

**as you were present with your disciples,**

**be known to us in the breaking of the bread,**

and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church  
 until we can gather together again.  
 We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

**Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May God bless you with fruitful labor that you may live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* May you stand firm in Christ, striving side-by-side with one mind for the faith of gospel.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* May you be filled with the Spirit as faithful laborers in God's vineyard who at the last day all receive God's eternal reward.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and empower you, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 312*



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

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



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We thank you for your continued support!

WEEK #37	09/13/2020	ACTUAL	BUDGET 52 WEEKS
Pledge	\$2,926.00	\$89,849.50	\$88,573.02
Contribution	\$0	\$2,128.55	\$5,336.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,926.00</b>	<b>\$91,978.05</b>	<b>\$93,909.56</b>

**Please remember in your prayers**  
**those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially:**



Jacob Blake; those sickened, endangered, or quarantined because of the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world, especially those whose lack of resources and whose suffering under the inequalities of our society cries out to us for justice, redress, and support; children and families separated or interned at our nation’s borders; Wendy A, Billie Jean Adams, Gene Adamuski, Bruce, Hilda Bunting, Dolly Boyd, Fr. Arthur Brunner, Merry Buffington, Carol Cannon, Bruce Coffin, Jim and Barbara Dickson, Irene Doniger, Annis Dunlap, Stephanie Eckenrode, David Evans, Jennifer Finley, Charlie Gaeto, Paul Hagy, Maggie Hancock, Susan Harbison and Family, Dawn Hess, George Kolodi, Debbie Mazingo, Wayne Mazingo, The Osborn Family, Cathy Pannabaker, Mike Pelegriano, George Rigby, Ruby, John Ryan, The Schiller Family, Bill Scott, Keith Scott, Doug and Ruth Soule, Gale Spencer, Bernice Strohl, Glenda Tate, Marie Taylor, Dale Tibbetts, Paula Trudell, Bruce Warren, Carolyn Watson, Kevin Widrig, Hazel and Henry Will, and Lora Lee Wright.

**Those blessings for which we offer thanks, especially:**

for Rebeca Chiapetta as she celebrates her birthday this week; for Stephen Graham, as we commemorate his baptisms for George Osborn and Robin Byrne, as we commemorate his confirmation; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID-19 virus; for this parish’s fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves.

**Those who have died, especially:** Joseph Dreyer, Mark “Beaster” Bireley, Louise Davis Crist, Robert Wand, Timothy Dunlap, Jean Latch, Ellie Evans, Edward Kurt Rappold, Jr., Dorothy Laxton, Estherine Craig, John Lewis, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Aaron Danielson, and Joe Ritchie-Bennett; those who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis.



## **Resurrection Pre-School**

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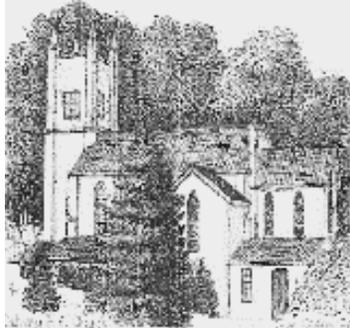
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Dawn Viscusi, Pre-School Administrator

### ***REMEMBER:***

***IT'S YOUR WORD OF MOUTH PROMOTION OF OUR PARISH'S PRESCHOOL  
THAT KEEPS THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM OF OUR PARISH ALIVE AND DOING  
ITS GOOD WORK!***



## **The Mission and Goals of Resurrection Church**

The mission of Resurrection Episcopal Church is to nourish the spiritual lives of our diverse parish family and to follow the example of Jesus through service to our community.

The Internal goal for Resurrection Episcopal Church is to grow stronger in faith, care for those who cannot be present, and unify as a family sharing in faith based activities.

The Resurrection Episcopal Church outreach goal is to become more visible and listen to the needs of the community by doing God's work through service to others.



# Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

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## Racial Justice and Reconciliation in Our Country—How Do We Actively Help?

### A Statement by the Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Vestry of Resurrection Episcopal Church, Rockdale

Our Church, our Diocese, indeed all of us are committed by our Baptism into the Christian faith to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” [BCP, p. 305] This means that we must actively oppose and seek to dismantle systems, structures, and beliefs which promote and sustain the privileges of one group or race over another.

Based in the resurrection, our work is not to blame, not to single out individuals or groups to pronounce guilty or sinful [most notably, because we know everyone has sinned, including us]. Jesus calls us not to judge and condemn *others*, but to bring the righteousness of the Reign of God into visible reality. This righteousness comes from right relationships among all people, among all structures of our society, and among us as human beings relating to God and all Creation.

This will be, in our society (and for our parish community), long and hard work. This did not start recently; its repair will not be done soon. We have many broken and distorted relationships in our society and its structures [The Bible calls this “sin.”]. We cannot stand by and refuse the work to transform that because of its difficulty or pain to us. The Cross will not allow that. The time to start is now.

Our parish will be examining the work to which we are called and the ways we can move forward. Your help in the discernment and in the work is essential. Please pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and support for you, for our parish, and for our country as we seek to:

**“Let the whole world know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by [the One] through whom all things were made, ..Jesus Christ.” [BCP, p. 280]**



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