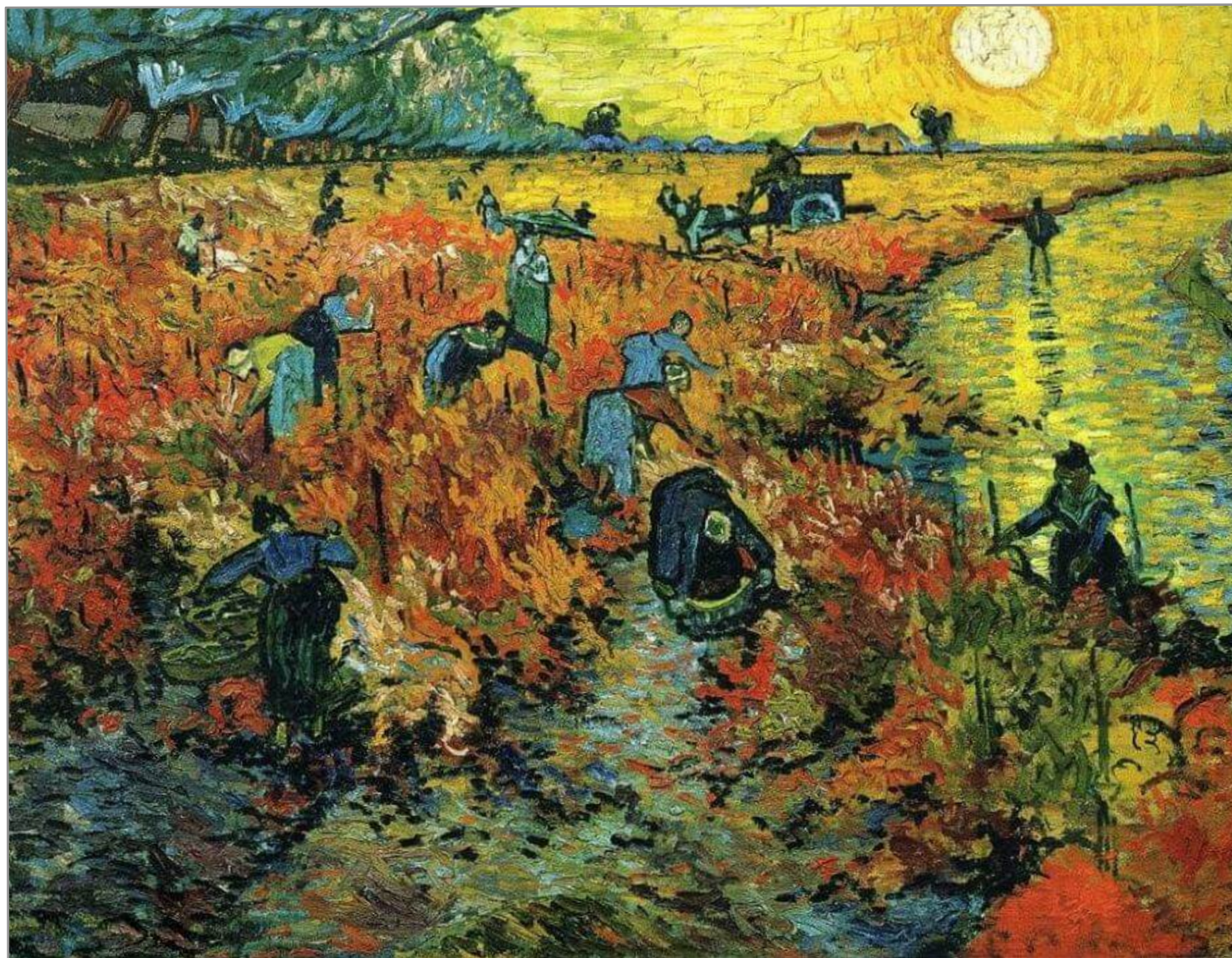


# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet

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*Red Vineyards at Arles, 1888*, by Vincent Van Gogh

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# GATHERING

## Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the 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.*

## Prelude: *Three Gospel Hymns*

**Dan Miller**

### *In the Garden, Count Your Blessings, & Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*A church organist since age fifteen, arranger Dan Miller (b. 1954) has served at several notable churches. At Calvary Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, he presided over the world's thirteenth largest pipe organ; at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he served as assistant organist to Diane Bish. Currently, Miller is the Organist for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Artist-in-Residence for Bethel Congregational Church, both in Beaverton, Oregon. He also works in tonal and console design for the Rodgers Organ Company (builder of our church organ) in Hillsboro, Oregon.*

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## Opening Acclamation

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* 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.***

### The First Reading

**Philippians 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.

## **The Gospel**

**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.”

*Priest*      The Word of the Lord.

***People*    Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. Zac Koons**

## **Hymn of the Day: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee***

**Hymn 660**

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong, in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*Congregational pastor Washington Gladden (1838-1918) was one of the most distinguished clergy of his era and a leader in the social gospel movement. He was a founding member of the Progressive Movement, campaigning against Boss Tweed as religious editor of the New York Independent. Gladden was probably the first prominent American religious figure to support unionization of the workforce; he also opposed racial segregation. He was a prolific writer who wrote hundreds of poems, hymns, articles, editorials, and books.*

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)  
Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect*

### The Lord's Prayer

*Priest and People*

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.

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory Solo: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

**William Runyan**  
**arr. Mary McDonald**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided: great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

**Garrett Gerard, soloist**

*These words were written by a Methodist minister in 1923, who sent them to his friend William Runyan (1870-1957) so that he could compose a tune. This setting was arranged by Mary McDonald (b. 1956). In addition to serving as Organist for Central Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, McDonald is an active choral clinician, accompanist for the Tennessee Men's Chorale, and was the first woman president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.*

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## **The Peace**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## **Postlude: *Processional***

**Grayston Ives**

*Ives (b. 1948) is a British composer, singer, organist, and choral conductor. As a young boy he sang with the choir of Ely Cathedral. He later sang with John Rutter and The King's Singers during the 1980s. Before his retirement in 2009 he was Organist of Magdalen College, Oxford. This piece opens with a brilliant, cinematic flourish. It quickly settles into a light, childlike march. The opening material returns, and the piece concludes in dramatic fashion.*

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## PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

*You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.*

**For healthcare workers and teachers:** Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Sarah, Michael T., Amber, Aaron.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Carol Oppel, Kyle Rush, Ted Uwague, Daphne Reed, Ben Joyce, Marsha Topham, Tim Glover, Adam Stockstill, Josephine Baumgart, Bryn Delfausse, Stella Kloninger, Emily Mazac, Claire Cabler, Estella Minne, Lansing Pugh, Suzann Dvorken, Jim Nolan, Kathy Overstreet.

**For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us for outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services! Note: Reservations (required) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service, and remain open until all spots are reserved.** RSVP links: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org).

- **8:00 a.m.** (parking lot, approximately 25-person limit)
- **7:00 p.m.** (Meditation Trail, approximately 15-person limit).
- **Friendly reminders:** mask up, bring a chair, maintain 6+ feet of physical distance.

**Mutual Support Groups at St. Mark's:** The pandemic has confronted us with unique challenges. In lieu of our normal small groups, St. Mark's is organizing "mutual support groups" with 5-6 people in each group and organized around population-specific categories. Sign up by completing [this form](#) by *Monday, September 28th*.

- Meetings will initially be facilitated by our clergy and ministry staff,
- For more specifics, read this [document](#).

**Rector's Book Group, Tuesdays in September at 7:00 p.m.:** *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. Please read through chapters 4 & 5 prior to the meeting. Access link [here](#).

**Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.,** with Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.: *Becoming Christians: Core Christian Practices in a time of Pandemic*. Link will be posted on our website.

**YOUTH & their families: Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., join us for a Eucharist service** on the meditation trail. **RSVP required:** [stmarksaustin.org/rsvp](http://stmarksaustin.org/rsvp).

**Kid's Club details: Kids Club** - Materials are available for pickup in a bin outside of the church office doors. Contact [Casey](#) to request *Storymakers* zines.

## ONGOING EVENTS

**Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** Access links: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org).

**Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study**, continuing the Gospel of Matthew with Mthr. Mary. The link is available under the [Virtual Gatherings](#) tab on our website.

## Ministers of the Service

### Lectors:

Brandon Haynes, Dave Elkins, Laurel Kelly & Evelyn McMillen.

### Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

Laurel Kelly & Evelyn McMillen, Ann Coley & Heather Azarmehr, Tom Delamater.



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### The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian-in-Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Barbara Gausewitz, *Seminarian*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Curate*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music and Bookkeeper*

Joanne Foote, *Parish Administrator*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

Irma Glover, *Sexton*