

Sunday 20th September, 2020.

Music - Geoff Gleed

Call to worship

HYMN: Praise the Lord of heaven (Christ Triumphant -Wells Cathedral)

1. Praise the Lord of heaven Praise him in the height Praise him, all his angels, Praise him, all his angels, Praise him hosts of light. Sun and moon together, Shining stars aflame, Planets in their courses, Magnify his name!	2. Earth and ocean praise him, Mountains, hills and trees; Fire and hail and tempest, Wind and storm and seas. Praise him fields and forests, Birds on flashing wings, Praise him beasts and cattle, All created things.	3. Now by prince and people, Let his praise be told; Praise him men and maidens, Praise him young and old. He, the Lord of Glory! We his praise proclaim! High above all heavens Magnify his name!
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Dedication of the Offering

Candle 1 Soft music - Geoff Gleed

Prayer Thanksgiving and Confession

Bible Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers 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 market-place; 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 labourers 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.'

We stand. We reflect. We share The Grace

Reflection A sense of entitlement?

Candle 2

Soft music - Geoff Glead

Prayer

Intercession - Wally Knight

HYMN All my hope on God is founded (Christ Triumphant -Wells Cathedral)

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Blessing - Stand for the blessing

Music - Geoff Glead



Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard [Codex aureus Epternacensis]

Codex Aureus Epternacensis, the first half of the 11th century