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Sunday, September 13th, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXVII №. 3

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

✠ Introit

from Jubilate Deo in A major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness

And come before his presence with a song.

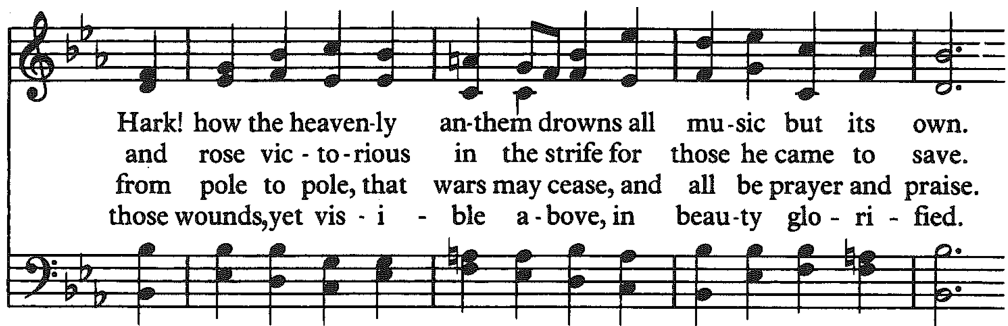
Psalms 100:1–2

✠ Hymn 327

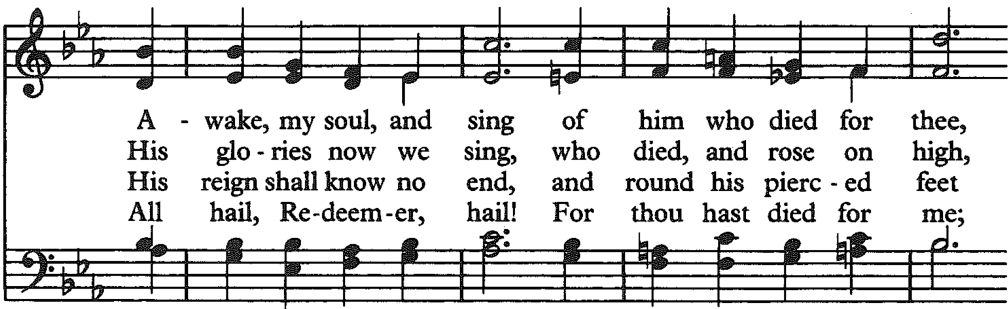
Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

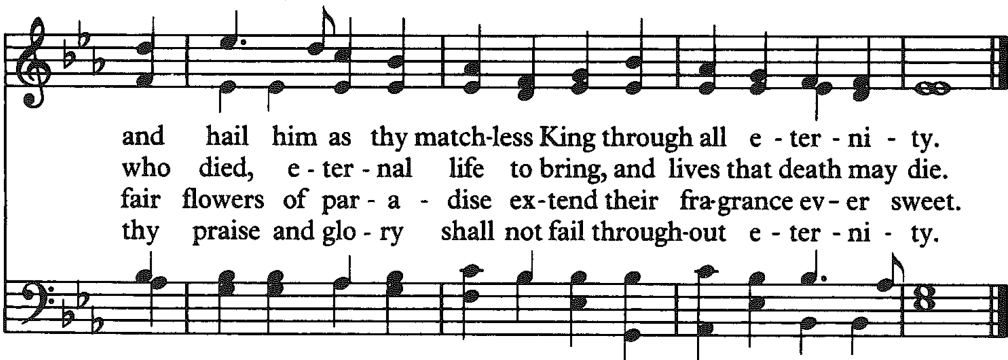
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874 (Rev. 19:12)
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from Missa 'Sufficit tibi gratia mea'

Sean R. Glenn (b. 1986)

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Lesson

Genesis 50:1–3, 14–21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

Lector: A lesson from the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 14, verses 1–12:

Then Joseph threw himself on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. Joseph commanded the physicians in his service to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel; they spent forty days doing this, for that is the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Ex Sion species, Op. 176, no. 4

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Ex Sion species decoris ejus:
Deus manifeste veniet.
Congregate illi sanctos ejus,
Qui ordinaverunt testamentum ejus
super sacrificia.
Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi,
in domus Domini ibimus

*Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
Gather my saints together unto me,
those that have made a covenant with me
by sacrifice.
I was glad when they said unto me,
let us go into the house of the Lord.*

Psalm 50: 2; Psalm 49: 5; Psalm 122: 1

Lesson

Romans 14:1–12

*When brothers and sisters judge each other**Lector:*

A lesson from the Epistle to the Romans, chapter 14, verses 1–12:

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable to God.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 103:8–13

God's compassion and mercy

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

♩ Antiphon (*sung by all*)*Cantor:*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People:

*He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.*

Cantor:

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
Cantor: as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
People: As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** from Magnificat in D major Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 18:21–35 A parable of forgiveness

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 18, verses 21–35:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "Life for the Lord"

The Rev. Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee
Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach

1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
 2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
 3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,

How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?
 how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?
 when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?

When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,
 The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.
 No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.

your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.
 A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.
 As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994

MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Response

Amen, from Requiem, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory I will sing unto the Lord

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have my being.
And so shall my words please him:
my joy shall be in the Lord.
As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth,
and the ungodly shall come to an end:
but praise ye the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

Psalms 104:33–35

✦ Presentation of the Gifts (*sung by all*)

MARION

The music to this hymn is found on page 160 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Praise God who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

✦ Offertory Prayer

✦ Hymn 670

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace

GENEVA 124

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

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

WORDS: John R. Peacey, 1975

MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.

GENEVA 124

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✘ Benediction

✘ Response *from* Nunc dimittis in E-flat major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Lord, now lettest Thou servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word. Amen.

Luke 2:29

✘ Postlude Allegro moderato maestoso in C major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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