Sunday 20th September 2026: Trinity 16, Proper 20.

President: The Revd Richard Young	Preacher: The Revd Jane Walker

FIRST HYMN: 456

FIRST READING Jonah 3.10- end of 4.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and did not do it.
But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.
He prayed to the LORD and said,
"O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country?
That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.
And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."
And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"
Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.
The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."
But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, let alone their many animals?"

PSALM 145 1-8.

My God, my King, your various praise shall fill the hours of all my days;
let grace employ my humble tongue, let truth and glory shape the song.

The wings of every hour shall bear some thankful tribute to your ear;
and every setting sun shall see new works of duty done by me.

Your truth and justice I'll proclaim; your bounty flows, an endless stream;
your mercy swift, your anger slow, confounding every stubborn foe.

God, who can tell your wondrous deeds! Your greatness all our thought exceeds;
vast and unsearchable your ways; vast and immortal be your praise! *(Isaac Watts)*

SECOND READING: Philippians 1.21-end

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION VERSE:
Jesus Christ is Lord of all and is generous to <u>all who call on him.</u>
For, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord <u>shall be saved.</u>

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20.1-16

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: *in English and Farsi*

We pray for each worshipping community across the world,
for all who sing, pray and keep silence together.
For all who call to mind the all-embracing love of Christ in the power of the spirit.
For all who come to their churches - for solace or for strength,
to be fed for the day or week ahead, to meet together in fellowship.
For all who carry out ministries in church – who give of their time and their talents.
For all who preach and teach the faith that they may be strengthened and upheld in service.

RESPONSE:

Khodavand, maa raa beshno**.** Lord hear us
Khodavand, baa lotfe khod maa raa beshno. Lord, graciously hear us.
خداوندا، ما را بشنو.
خداوندا، به لطف خود ما را بشنو.

Creator God, we hold before you the needs and cares of the world.
We pray that human society may find ways to address the many issues that beset the earth.
We pray for places torn by war and desperate violence:
for Ukraine – and for places and people often forgotten,
where hundreds die and millions suffer day by day over passing years.
We pray for sound leadership and good intent.
We pray that no human being may ever see another as less than human,
less worthy of food, care or freedom, less worthy of peaceful existence than another.

We pray for this parish, for its streets and open spaces, for its ever changing population.
We pray for this community, for our care for each other, for our times of worship and prayer together. Grant us your grace, the gift of commitment, the energy and the good humour to travel together on our journeys of faith.

The prayers for the sick and for the departed follow…

OFFERTORY HYMN: 280

DURING COMMUNION: *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN: 361

Notices and Information for this week. Please take this sheet home with you.	
Monday September 21st	**1930 Eucharist**
Wednesday September 23rd	**PCC Meeting** **Orthodox Evening Prayer**
Thursday September 24th	**1930 Eucharist**
Sunday September 27th	**1000 Sung Eucharist**

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