

**Sunday Worship, Rite II for Proper 25, Year A**



**St John's Episcopal Church  
Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 10 am  
Online or by phone on ZOOM:  
www.zoom.us or 1 (253) 215-8782  
Meeting ID: 517-456-4828 and password: 49236**

**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant:* Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. - *Psalm 43:3*

**Confession of Sin**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 79

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Invitatory** *The people stand as they are able.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**The Invitatory: Jubilate** (Psalm 100)

Book of Common Prayer, p.82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 717

1 Lord, you have been our refuge \* **from one generation to another.**

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*  
**from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \* **"Go back, O child of earth."**

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \* **and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; \* **we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* **in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \* **be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works \* **and your splendor to their children.**

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

*After the Psalm is said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

A reading from Deuteronomy (34:1-12)

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

**Canticle 13***A Song of Praise*

Book of Common Prayer p. 90

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**Second Reading**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord*People:* **Thanks be to God****Canticle 15***The Song of Mary*

Book of Common Prayer p. 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
 in every generation.  
 He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
 and has lifted up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
 to Abraham and his children for ever.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Gospel Reading

A Reading from Matthew (22:34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

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

## Reflection

### The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 98

*Please stand as you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Book of Common Prayer, p. 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***The Officiant includes one or more of the collects from pages 98-100 in the Book of Common Prayer, concluding with the Prayer for Mission:***

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements

## **Prayers of the People**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation saying Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

Creator God, we offer our prayers for God's people throughout the world and for the church universal: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; Wendel and Steward, our Retired Bishops; Susie our Vicar; Linda, our Deacon and our Bell Choir . We pray for Church of the Messiah, Detroit; St. Luke's, Ferndale; Church of the Redeemer, Barahone, Dominican Republic and St. John the Evangelist, Peidra Blanca, Dominican Republic. For the Church of Nigeria; and for this gathering;  
Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

Loving God, we offer our prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Use us as instruments of peace to care for your people in our families, neighborhoods and nations. Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

Merciful God, we offer our prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for all those on our St. John's prayer list, especially \_\_\_\_\_. We pray for all who those seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God's love. Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

God of peace, we offer our prayers of thanksgivings for all the blessings of our lives, and especially for Elyse Leuchtmann, Steve Houghton, Cindy Karapas and Marilee Gillum celebrating birthdays this week and Steve & Beth Leuchtmann celebrating their anniversaries this week.  
Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

God of promise, we offer our prayers for the departed, especially our loved ones, and we praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Give us grace to glorify Christ in our own day and time. Hear us, O God: **your mercy is great**

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **General Thanksgiving**

Book of Common Prayer, p.101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Book of Common Prayer, p.102

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## Dismissal

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Officiant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen. -2 *Corinthians 13:14*

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