

St. James Episcopal Church  
Morning Prayer, Rite II

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

*Thank you for joining us as we celebrate and worship God this fine morning. Feel free to speak the “people” part of the service along with those present at the church. Otherwise, simply participate with us as you would if you were sitting in the pew: join with the rest of the congregation, spread out though close in prayer, as we turn our hearts to God.*

*Opening Hymn #410 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

**Opening Sentences**

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*The Officiant celebrant begins*

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

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*The Officiant continues*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. The Officiant and People together:*

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.

*The Priest pronounces the absolution:*

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

**People            Amen.**

## The Invitatory

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*All stand*

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.

*All now join in saying:*

**Venite**    *Psalm 95:1-7*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13** *Benedic, anima mea*

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1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.]

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

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

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

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 Lessons

**Reader:** A reading from Romans 14:1-12

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 servants 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 in honor of the Lord. Also

those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

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 of us will be accountable to God.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God!**

**Canticle 19    The Song of the Redeemed**  
*Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4*

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O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

Officiant           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                          according to St. Matthew (Matthew 18:21-35)

People               **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “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, his 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





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

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*The People stand or kneel*

**Officiant**      **The Lord be with you.**

People            And also with you.

**Officiant**      **Let us pray.**

*Officiant 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.

## The Suffrages

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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 Collects

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### *The Collect of the Day*

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Birthdays* – (Cooper Seeley 9/7; Jillian Horn 9/13; Lou Anne Wilcox 9/14; Albie Hazen<sup>+</sup> 9/15; Janice Wheeler 9/16)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *Supplication*

O Lord, arise, help us;  
**And deliver us for your Name's sake**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebearers have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us;  
**and deliver us for your Name's sake**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

**O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for your Name's sake**

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**R. Graciously behold our afflictions.**

V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

**R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**

V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

**R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord  
Christ.**

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech you, O Father, to come to us in our need; and, for the glory of your Name, save us in our affliction. May the fires cease, and those who fight them come home safe and sound. Guard our homes and the lives of our loved ones and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Officiant            Let us bless the Lord.

People                **Thanks be to God!**

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*

*Closing Hymn #390*

*Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
Borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

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