



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 25, 2020 | Online Service  
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

### Greeting and Announcements

**Hymn 362 (vs. 1-3): *Nicaea*, “Holy, holy, holy”**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*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 forever. Amen.

### Venite S35

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 1** *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.  
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.  
It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.  
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.  
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**

**First Lesson:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    Thanks be to God.

**Song:** Love Song

Leslie Duncan

The words I have to say may well be simple but they're true  
Until you give your love there's nothing more that we can do  
LOVE is the opening door,  
LOVE is what we came here for,  
No one could offer you more.  
Do you know what I mean?  
Have your eyes really seen?

You say it's very hard to leave behind the life you knew.  
But there's no other way and now it's really up to you.  
LOVE is the key we must turn,  
TRUTH is the flame we must burn,  
FREEDOM the lesson we must learn,  
Do you know what I mean?  
Have your eyes really seen?

**Second Lesson:** 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.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Officiant and People together, all standing as 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 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**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

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 the 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 in us with your Holy Spirit.

### **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.*

### **Other Collects**

### **Prayers for the Parish**

### **Prayer for Mission**

*BCP 101*

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

### **Song: Come to Jesus**

Mindy Smith

Oh, my baby, when you're older  
Maybe then you'll understand  
You have angels that dance around your shoulders  
'Cause at times in life you need a loving hand

Oh, my baby, when you're prayin'  
Leave your burden by my door  
You have Jesus standing by your bedside  
To keep you calm, keep you safe, away from harm

*Refrain:* Worry not my daughters, worry not my sons  
Child, when life don't seem worth livin'  
Come to Jesus and let Him hold you in His arms

Oh, my baby, when you're cryin'  
Never hide your face from me  
I have conquered hell and driven out the demons  
I have come with a life to set you free

Oh, my baby, when you're dying  
Believe the healing of His hand  
Here in Heaven we will wait for your arrival  
Here in Heaven you will finally understand

## **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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.*

## **Versicle and Response**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Closing Sentences**

**Hymn 680:** *St. Anne*, "O God, our help in ages past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*This Sunday we remember*  
*Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby Moncure, Jr.,*  
*Mr. and Mrs. George Vowles Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Parker Moncure, Dr. Alton R. Sharpe*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Officiant:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Musicians:*

*Singer:* Diane Wright

*Instrumentalists:* Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubard, guitarists; Scott Milstead, percussionist

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark Whitmire

## **Prayers of the People**

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

*For the sick and in need:* especially the family of Eleanor Angle, Susan Bain, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Kay Meyer, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Jay Roberts, George Silver, Geoff Sisk,

Jaime Stefan, Anne Sweets, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Paul, and Woody

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Carrie Acey, Charles Cabell, Winston Crane, Rick Hanson, Grice McMullan, Porter Montague, Jr., Audrey Paulson, and Bryce Powell

### Music Notes



*“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1*

#### **Today at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

*Come to Jesus* was written by Mindy Smith (b. 1972) and can be found on her 2004 release, *One Moment More*. Mindy’s father was a minister and her mother was a church choir director. Raised in Long Island, New York, she followed her father to Knoxville, Tennessee after the untimely death of her mother to cancer and eventually made her way to Nashville, where she sang open mic nights around town. She garnered attention with her cover of *Jolene* by Dolly Parton and soon after signed a recording contract with Vanguard Records.

*Love Song* was written by Lesley Duncan, a singer/songwriter from England, who was also a successful back-up singer for many artists, including Elton John, Dave Clark 5 and Pink Floyd. Elton John recorded *Love Song* in 1969 on his album, *Tumbleweed Connection*. This morning’s arrangement was transcribed from a recording by another English singer/songwriter, Sheila Nicholls from her album, *Wake*, issued in 2002. Sheila first attracted attention in the early ’90s, when she performed with the New York City-based group Sheila Nicholls and the Splendid Frocks. After a few years with the band she moved to L.A. to pursue a solo career and start her own record label, Essex Girl Records.

#### **Tonight at 5:30 p.m. - Jazz Mass**

Music by the Jason Jenkins trio, with vocalist Lisa Burrs singing *Come Sunday* by Duke Ellington.

#### **Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

In celebration of All Saints Day, Julianne Eckstein and Elisabeth Eckstein will sing *I sing a song of the Saints of God*.

In case you missed **St. James’s Virtual Choir**, here are links:

[Sicut cervus](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake](#)

[If ye love me](#)

**When will St. James’s amazing choirs be back?** At the very moment that our Bishop says it is safe. Virginia and I are so ready.