



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

November 8, 2020 | Online Service
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn 410: *Lauda anima*, “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.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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 78:1-7 *Attendite, popule*

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.
He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;
That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
So that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;
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: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said

to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle S236: *Benedictus es, Domine*

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 Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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.

BCP 97

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects

Necrology and Prayer

Almighty God, we neglected to remember before you last Sunday those faithful servants who have died in the past year, for which we are most grievously sorry and ask your forgiveness. As a sign of our contrition, we remember before you now those saints who have gone before us this past year; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Officiant continues with the necrology.

Eternal Lord God, who holds all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in paradise and on earth your light and your peace; that following the good examples of those who have served you on earth and are now at rest, all of us may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

Hymn 457: *The Call*, “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

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 347: *Litton*, “Go forth for God”

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heav'nly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;
To serve God's people every day and hour,
And serving Christ, our every gift employ,
Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Emma Conquest Wheat, James Clifton Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parker Conquest,
James Clifton Wheat, Jr., and Wiley Hardy Wheat*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: Blake Singer, Lay Chaplain

Musicians

Singers: Heather Jones, Liz Nance, Mark Whitmire

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Necrology

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Dr. Aghdami	Paula Gulak	Albert Lee Philpott
Rev. Robert Hancock Armstrong	Alexander Hamilton	Eduardo Reid
Raymond Baltz III	Donna Harris	Jess Reveley
William Meade Berkeley, Jr.	Rosea Neal Harris	Sherley Richter
Susan Blanchard	Shayna Heeter	Mary Rock
Susan Braden	Bitsy Hillsman	Cabell Check Roome
Carson Brewer	Eino Hirv	Joanne Rowland
David Tucker Brown, III	Betty Lou Holt	Bill Royall
Jane Buford	Dr. Shelton Horsley III	Walter Williams Scott
Herbert Augustine Claiborne, Jr.	Lara Wallace Hough	William Clarke Scott
Connie Cole	Taylor Hyde	Vickie Lynn Allen Shaw
JC Coleman Jr.	Dean Jarrett	Jody Sherman
True Coxe	Anne Hatcher Jennings	Vada Showalter
Bill Crawford	The Reverend Melissa Kean	The Reverend Dr. Louis Skidmore
Jenny Cross	Barbara Kolcum	Alex Slaughter
Christene Mead Dalpino	Emily Koski	Alma Snowa
Elizabeth Dalton	Ben Laha	William Jackson Stevens
Phyllis DeMaurizi	Connie Lapierre	JEB Stuart
Betty DeRemer	Lucy Le	Michael Ward
John Digney	Amanda Wayne Lloyd	Jim Wark
The Reverend Robert Dilday	Jack MacKenzie	Clay Whitaker
Martha Duke	Tessa Majors	June Whitlow
Susan Early	Ceci Manley	Emory Williams
Craig Ellisfson	Rosalyn McCard	Willard Williams
Lori Melissa Hess Evangel	Edwin Baylies Meade	Mary E. Williams
Mellisse Ann Ewing	Bill Meredith, Sr.	Charlotte Williamson
John Flannigan	Judy Motley	William Wilson
Mary Friend	Dorothy Nelson	Alan Zimm
Gregory Gray Garland	Robin Lawson	Mimi Herington's mother, Eva
Ann Gill	Frank Norvell	Marie
Acacia L. Gross	The Reverend Dr. Steven Peay	

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, the family of Anne Bedner, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Susan Campbell, Barbara Caperton, Charlie Crasten, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Charlotte Harbach, Kenny Harris, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, Eleanor Lynch, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Bill Ronemus, Millie Ronemus,

George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Anne Sweets, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Barbara Willis, Amy, and Paul

O God, the king eternal, to you we owe all faith and obeisance. Kingdoms and empires may rise and fall, but only are you eternal, three-in-one. Results of elections do not change your mission in the world, Father, nor ours as the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, prevent the sheep of your pasture from reveling in vanity or pride of victory or fear or anxiety of defeat; rather, may we humbly and graciously seek Christ in each other, seek healing and unity in Christ Jesus, as we pray that your will be done, your kingdom come, for the health and welfare of all. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

For the recently married: especially Madison Cromwell and Nick Palmer

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Ames Russell, Carrie Russell, Debbie Krey, Mimi Herington, Dan Norman, Kristin Wickersham, and Sarah Porter who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Roy Lambertson, Charlie McDowell, and Woody

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, my way was written by 20th-century English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Vaughan Williams played a very important role in the history of music in Britain by collecting and studying old English folksongs and by exploring music of the sixteenth century. Drawing upon these new sources, he infused English music with a new vitality, helping English composers to break the German Romantic mold. In addition to composing symphonies, choral works, operas, and ballets, Ralph Vaughan Williams made a major contribution to the church's hymnody. He was the editor of *The English Hymnal* (1906) and composer of numerous hymns, thirty-three of which appear in *The Hymnal 1982*. The text is a poem by the seventeenth-century English poet George Herbert (1593-1633). After education at Trinity College, Cambridge, Herbert entered the priesthood and served most of his life at the small parish church of Foughleston, Bemerton, near Salisbury. He died there of consumption at age 40 and was buried beneath the altar.

Tonight at 5:00 p.m. - Jazz Mass *Please note new time*

With the Alan Parker trio and Cantor Lisa Edwards Burrs singing a jazz arrangement of the Irish tune *Be thou my vision*.

Next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. will have singers from St. James's Youth Choir! They will be socially distanced and singing with masks.

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

9/20 Liz Nance– A Celtic Blessing (M. Whitmire)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIr4o8ddtUFgkFHcKIguFKQ>

9/27 Knox Hubard– What good am I? (Dylan)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1DFF7VFCtg

10/4 Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane - O praise the Lord who made all beauty (Hopson)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z93KIAKV3RA>

10/11 Heather Jones– I will sing new songs of gladness (Dvorak)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLw5hBePELA>

10/18 Nathan Bick - Then shall the righteous shine (Mendelssohn)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7WUd5clKAg>

10/25 Diane Wright, Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubbard, Scott Milstead - Come to Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjrwwu1uzRY>

11/1 Elisabeth Eckstein, Julianne Eckstein - I sing a song of the saints of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE_E

Molly Sharp, Roberts Wadsworth - Be thou my vision (arr. M. Whitmire)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>

Virtual Choir

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBE828xCRwE&fbclid=IwAR0E1jn2KQj99I1q6sEhxU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqELCw0uXsU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0E1jn2KQj99I1q6sEhxyU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

If ye love me (Tallis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDGaKW-A2zg&feature=youtu.be>