



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2021 | Online Service

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude: Adagio and Allegro from *Sonata in E minor, Op. 1, No. 2*

Benedetto Marcello

Introit: This is the day

John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it

O praise the Lord of heaven:
praise him in the height,
Praise him, all ye angels of his:
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light
let them praise the Name of the Lord

For he shall give his angels charge over thee
to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
from this time forth forevermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.
Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart
And put thy trust in the Lord.

Hymn 376: *Hymn to Joy*, "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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 S4

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Ivor Atkins

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 forever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle S205: Te Deum laudamus

Plainsong, Tone 8

Cantor: Elisabeth Eckstein

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
 the Father of an infinite majesty;
 thine adorable, true, and only Son;
 also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
In glory everlasting.

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.

Second Lesson: John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song: May it be

Ryan/Enya

Soloist: Georgie Ascoli

May it be an evening star shines down upon you;
May it be when darkness falls your heart will be true;
You walk a lonely road, oh, how far you are from home.

Refrain: Mornië utülië (darkness has come)
believe and you will find your way
Mornië alantië (darkness has fallen)
a promise lives within you now

May it be the shadow's call will fly away;
May it be your journey on to light the day;
When the night is overcome, you may rise to find the sun

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 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.

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *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.*

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord alway

Henry Purcell

Soloist: Lilibet Woodward, Senior Leader

Verse Singers: Andrew Ascoli, Georgie Ascoli, Will Conn, Elisabeth Eckstein, Lilibet

Refrain: Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men:
The Lord is at hand. *Refrain*

Be careful for nothing; but in everything,
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Refrain*

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.*

Hymn 392: *Vineyard Haven*, “Come, we that love the Lord”

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Let those refuse to sing
that never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad. *Refrain*

The heirs of grace have found
glory begun below;
celestial fruits on earthly ground
from faith and hope may grow. *Refrain*

Then let our song abound
and let our tears be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground
to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentences

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
John and Seymour Rennolds*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Assisting: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Lector: Eddie Macon

Musicians: Youth Choir

Prelude: Lillibet Woodward

Te Deum Cantor: Elisabeth Eckstein

May it be Soloist: Georgie Ascoli

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Soloist: Lillibet

Verse Solo Voices: Andrew Ascoli, Georgie, Will Conn, Elisabeth, Lillibet

String Quartet: Susy Yim, Alan Carithers, Molly Sharp, Ryan Lannan

Staff singers: Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Will Conn, Melinda Cooper, Chris Rock

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Videographers: Annika Cline, Will Conn

Youth Choir Crosses and Ribbons

1st Year (White)	Jamel Jones	
3rd Year (Blue)	Berkeley Crane Winston Crane Annalise Rider Isabelle Rider	
5 th Year (Gold)	Thomas McGetrick Anna Ray	
6 th Year (Purple)	Sarah Hopper Tyndall Hopper	
7 th Year (Broad White)	Andrew Ascoli Julianne Eckstein	
8 th Year (Broad Red)	Georgie Ascoli Elisabeth Eckstein	
10 th Year (Broad Silver)	Lillibet Woodward	*Senior Leader

Prayers of the People

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

For the sick and in need: especially Aubrie Aber, the family of Eleanor Angle, Keren and Bless Arthur, Elizabeth Austin, Hunter Babin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, the Brunner and Martin family, Pitter Caswell, Janet W. Cosby, Betty Crasten, Tim Dilsaver, Will Fackler, Karen Harper, Mary Harrison, Ashleigh Blumer Kohlitz, Brenda Lacks, Camille Brunner Martin, Emma Mason, the family of Felecia Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Geoff Sisk, Al Jean Thompson, Ginger Trice, Kay Underwood, Henry Willett, Barbara Willis, Amelie Wilmer, Wayne Wilson, Henry Wright, Cassandra and family, and Paul

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher and William Smith

We pray for peace this day for the strife taking place in the Middle East, especially the holy city of Jerusalem. May the Spirit of Christ, the Prince of Peace, bring all conflict to a peaceful resolution.

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James's Children Center

For the newly born: especially Carter Claiborne Hamilton, son of Laura Claiborne and Matt Hamilton and great-grandson of Johnnie Lou Terry

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Jean Archer, Meg Avery, Wells Reed, Grayson Sprinkle, Mary Vance Talbott, Woody Taylor, Will Tribble, III, Roxie Ware, Janie West, and Pam Zimmer who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Rebecca Monroe Adams, Sunny Adams, Felecia Mason, and Edward Thomas

Music Notes



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

This is the day is a setting of verses from Psalms 118, 148, 91, 121 and 27 by the well-known English composer John Rutter (b.1945). Rutter studied music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he wrote his first published compositions. He was Director of Music at Clare College from 1975 – 1979, when he gave up the post to dedicate more time to composition. He later formed the Cambridge Singers, a professional chamber choir, primarily dedicated to recording. In 1996, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of this contribution to church music.

Rejoice in the Lord always is musical setting of the epistle appointed for today, Philippians 4:4-7, by the English composer Henry Purcell (1659-95). Purcell was the most important English composer of the Baroque period and one the greatest of all English composers. He was organist of Westminster Abbey and at the Chapel Royal, where he served under Charles II, James II, and William III. Composed in the style of a ‘verse anthem’, the music alternates between sections for full choir and sections for solo voices.

May it be was written by Enya in collaboration with Nicky and Roma Ryan (her producer and lyricist) for the 2001 movie, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*. The words are in English and a fictional Elvish language created by Tolkien called Quenya. Mornie utulie translates “Darkness has come,” and Mornie alantie translates “Darkness has fallen.”

I stumbled upon a blog written May 4, 2017 in [BEREAVEDPARENTSBLOG](#) and found these beautiful words in response to this song.

“Perhaps, it is my Irish half that relishes in this poetic beauty. The story itself took Tolkein years to complete. Whatever allegory (and there are many) of the story that one may conclude is accurate, this final song at its completion surely summarizes it well. Battles rage throughout the lives of all. Darkness comes to all. As true as those things may be, we ‘journey on to the light of day’. For those who do not believe that what we see is all there is, we have ‘a promise that lives within’ us now. ‘Believe and you will find your way’.

How true it is that we all ‘walk a lonely road’ and ‘Oh! How far you (we) are from home’. Or so it would seem. Yet, our Lord declares that “the kingdom of God is in your midst.” (Luke 17:21). How difficult it is for our little minds to grasp the things of God. May it be so for all that:

When the night is overcome
You may rise to find the sun (Son)
May it be when darkness falls
Your heart will be true.”

Music at St. James's

To listen to recordings made during the Pandemic, just Control-Click the underlined links below:

Anthems

[Create for me a clean heart \(John Michael Talbot\)](#)

[I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord \(William Byrd\)](#)

[I heard the voice of Jesus say \(folksong\)](#)

[Hark! 'Tis the Savior of Mankind \(William Billings\)](#)

[O thou, in whose presence \(arr. Parler/Shaw\)](#)

[Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts \(Purcell\)](#)

[Expectans, expectavi \(Charles Wood\)](#)

[My God, the spring of all my joys \(arr. Alice Parker\)](#)

[Most glorious Lord of life \(William Harris\)](#)

[Lord of the Dance \(arr. David Willcocks\)](#)

Chants

[The Great Litany](#)

[Kyrie Pantokratur](#)

Hymns

[Hymn 142](#) Lord, who throughout these forty days

[Hymn 149](#) Eternal Lord of Love

[Hymn 150](#) Forty days and forty nights

[Hymn 180](#) He is risen!

[Hymn 210](#) The day of resurrection

[Hymn 388](#) O worship the King

[Hymn 414](#) God my King, thy might confession

[Hymn 439](#) What wondrous love is this, O my soul

[Hymn 441](#) In the cross of Christ I glory

[Hymn 472](#) Hope of the world

[Hymn 473](#) Lift high the cross

[Hymn 444](#) Blest be the God of Israel

[Hymn 645](#) The King of love my shepherd is

[Hymn 675](#) Take up your cross, the savior said

[Hymn 707](#) Take my life and let it be

[Hymn 708](#) Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Virtual Choir Links

[Sicut cervus \(Palestrina\)](#)

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

[If ye love me \(Tallis\)](#)

[Ubi caritas \(Gjelo\)](#)

[In the bleak midwinter \(Holst\)](#)

[We shall walk through the valley in peace \(Undine Smith Moore\), with Norfolk State Choir](#)

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