



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 4, 2021 | Online Service

### Greeting and Announcements

**Hymn 608:** *Melita*, Eternal Father, strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at thy word,  
Who walkest on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power,  
Our family shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect us whereso'er we go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### Confession of Sin

*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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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 alone stands and says*

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. *Amen.*

### **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. Alleluia.

### **Venite**

*BCP 82*

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 145:1-9** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

*BCP 801*

I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.  
One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.  
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.  
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.  
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.  
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

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: Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

#### Te Deum

BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

**Second Lesson:** Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said to the disciples, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Hilary Streever

**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.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

BCP 97

*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**

*BCP 258*

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for Gratitude**

Holy God, as we celebrate this Season of Gratitude, where we give thanks for the generous hearts and active hands of our beloved church family, we pray that everyone in our St. James's community feels our love and gratitude for everything they've done and given during these trying times. God, your gifts have been an inspiration, your deeds have been sustaining and your spirits have been a light in the darkness. And for all the gifts in our lives, we say, thanks be to God. *Amen.*

## **Prayers for the Parish**

### **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 718: God of our Fathers**

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand,  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever strong defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

### **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  
Anne Beattie Fowlkes, Dr. Carroll Harris Fowlkes, Dr. Richard Williamson Fowlkes,  
Carroll Harris Fowlkes, Jr., Charles Cyrus Adams, and Anne Fowlkes Adams*

### **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Hilary Streever  
*Officiant:* The Reverend Laura Inscoe  
*Assisting:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

### **Prayers of the People**

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

*For the sick and in need:* especially Elizabeth Austin, Robert Austin II, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, James Brewer, Betty Brown, Betty Crasten, Ruth Anne Eliades, Frank Grier, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Barbara Katz, Emma Mason, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Martin Nash, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Cameron Sealey, Geoff Sisk, Patrick Sullivan, Ginger Trice, Doug Wigner, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, and Malissa

*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

*For all who advocate for the most vulnerable and strive to bring an end to poverty and homelessness:* especially our outreach partners ACTS, CARITAS, REAL Life, and RE:Work Richmond

*For the newly born:* especially Sarah ("Sally") Valentine Kane-West, daughter of Sazshy and Jonah Kane-West and granddaughter of Margaret and Massie Valentine, Jr.

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Elizabeth Crowley, Caroline Emblidge, Sandy Jordan, Mark Musser, Vee Van Selow, Jr., and Betsy Ware who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Carol Corrigan, Tim Dilsaver, Philip B. Fleck, Robert Wright Forsyth IV, and Emily Allene Isbell Ukrop

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