



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021 | Online Service

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn 537: Christ for the world we sing

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

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 34:9-14 *Benedicam Dominum*

BCP 628

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *

for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; *

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Who among you loves life *

and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *

and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; *

seek peace and pursue it.

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: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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: John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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.

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

BCP 232

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 347: "Go forth for God, go to the world in peace"

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.

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
Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Ellett, Jr., Josephine Scott Ellett, Helen Ellett Schulze,
Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Ellett III, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Harrison Rucker*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever
Officiant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard
Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

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, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, Will Fackler, Sarah Fought, Gus Fuller, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Elizabeth Mauck, Linda Mays, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Ashley McFadden, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Geoff Sisk, Bradford Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Evelyn Sutton, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Olivia Triplett, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Barbara, Carol, Kevin, and Melissa

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

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 all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Jeb Bemiss II, Lindsey Norfolk, and Sherry Tate who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Mitzi Welton

Music Notes



Why sing? (Yet another reason to join a choir)

“Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.” (James 5:13) There is a scientific explanation (Time, 2013) that seems to support the admonition of St. James: “When you sing, musical vibrations move through you, altering your physical and emotional landscape. Group singing is the most exhilarating and transformative of all. It takes something incredibly intimate, a sound that begins inside you, shares it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more thrilling: harmony. As the popularity of group singing grows, science has been hard at work trying to explain why it has such a calming yet energizing effect on people. What researchers are beginning to discover is that singing is like an infusion of the perfect tranquilizer, the kind that both soothes your nerves and elevates your spirits. The elation may come from endorphins, a hormone released by singing, which is associated with feelings of pleasure. Or it might be from oxytocin, another hormone released during singing, which has been found to alleviate anxiety and stress. Oxytocin also enhances feelings of trust and bonding, which may explain why still more studies have found that singing lessens feelings of depression and loneliness. A very recent study even attempts to make the case that “music evolved as a tool of social living,” and that the pleasure that comes from singing together is our evolutionary reward for coming together cooperatively. Join us! Give us a call at 355-1779, ext. 323 (Mark) or 324 (Virginia), or email us at mwhitmire@doers.org or vwhitmire@doers.org.

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