



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021 | Online Service

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

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 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

BCP 599

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

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: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

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 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 477: All praise to thee

All praise to Thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia.

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia.

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia.

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia.
Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia. Amen.

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
Carolyn and Leon Ellis and Nancy Buckley Raley*

Service Participants

Preacher: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer
Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend
Assisting: The Reverend Hilary Streever

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, Henry Carwile, Will Fackler, Sarah Fought, Gus Fuller, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Eileen Long, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Elizabeth Mauck, Linda Mays, Ray McCard, Ashley McFadden, Katie McGraw, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Ginger Trice, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Barbara, Carol, Kevin, and Melissa

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

For our own efforts to participate in your Kingdom here at St. James's: remembering especially our Outreach and Missions committees, that you would lead us in the way of the cross as we strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being

For the newly born: especially Heather Jane Hurt, daughter of Meredith and Dan Hurt, sister of Charlotte Grace Hurt, and granddaughter of Meta and John Braymer, and Benjamin John Davis O'Donnell, son of Emory Davis and Anthony O'Donnell and grandson of Melinda Davis who were born recently

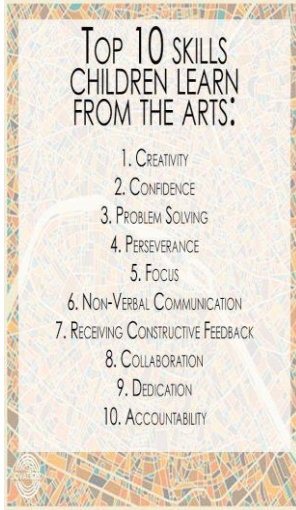
For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Franklin Aylor, Lori Craft, Alice Davis, Sarah Hubbard, John Molster, Sophie Peyton, Isabel Sarkees, Justin Thompson, and Crandall Thompson who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Dorothy Lee Barrett and Geoffrey Sisk

Music Notes



Join a Choir this Fall



As you gear up for the fall and the return to routines, we encourage you to consider adding a choir rehearsal to your schedule. **YOU** should join us in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome. Call us at 355.1779, ext. 323 (Mark) or 324 (Virginia) or email us at mwhitmire@doers.org or vwhitmire@doers.org.

If you would like to learn to sing or improve your singing, join the Singing Class. We meet at 6:15 pm for six weeks, starting September 15.

Cherub Choir (K – 2nd grades) – starts Wednesday, September 15, 4 pm

Children's Choir (3rd – 5th grades) – starts Wednesday, September 15, 5 pm

Youth Choir (6th – 12th grades) – starts Sunday, September 12, 12:30 pm

West Gallery Choir (9 am service) – Wednesday, September 8, 7 pm

Guitar Ensemble (9 am service) – Wednesday, September 8, 8:30 pm

Instrumentalists in the WGC rehearse immediately following choir rehearsal.

Parish Choir (11:15 am service) – Thursday, September 9, 7:30 pm

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