



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 26, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Choral Prelude: Hallelujah

William Walker, arr. Shawn Kirchner

Hallelujah.

And let this feeble body fail, and let it faint and die;
My soul shall quit this mournful vale, and soar to worlds on high.

Refrain And I'll sing hallelujah,
And you'll sing hallelujah,
And we'll all sing hallelujah,
When we arrive at home.

Oh, what are all my sufferings here if Lord thou count me meet
With that enraptured host to appear and worship at thy feet. *Refrain*

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away,
But let me find them all again, in that eternal day. *Refrain*

Hymn 522: Austria, "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day;
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 78

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Officiant says to the people

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

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.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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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 119:129-136 Mirabilia

Reader: Dave Johnson

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

Reader: Russell Lawson

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle S205: Te Deum laudamus

Plainsong, Tone 8

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: Romans 8:26-39

Reader: Olivia Aghdami

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Jubilate Deo in Bb

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving;
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Third Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

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 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Other Collects

Prayers for the Parish

Officiant

Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers.

Officiant and People together

Mary Lee Allen, Eleanor Angle, Bill Angus, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Susan Bloor, Alice Campbell, Susan Campbell, Connie Cole, Matt Curtis, Buddy Derrick, Craig Ellisson, Cameron Flippen, Charlie Gamble, Susan Goff, Mary Harrison, Virginia Hopper, Bernadette Howard, Chuckie Jackson, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Mary Elizabeth Ledford, Emma Mason, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Jim Morano, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Sherley Richter, Josalyn Riveria, Barry Scott, Geoff Sisk, Alan Stone, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Jennifer, Kelly, Paul, and Woody

The Officiant continues with the prayers, found in the back of the bulletin.

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.*

Greeting and Announcements

Anthem: Beati quorum via

Charles Villiers Stanford

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray,
give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A 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 665: *Michael*, “All my hope on God is founded”

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God’s power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God’s great goodness e’er endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Postlude: Boundless love

John Prine

I woke up this morning to a garbage truck
Looks like this ol' horseshoe's done run out of luck
If I came home, would you let me in?
Fry me some pork chops and forgive my sin?

Refrain: Surround me with your boundless love
Confound me with your boundless love
I was drowning in the sea, lost as I could be
When you found me with your boundless love

Sometimes my ol' heart is like a washing machine
It bounces around 'til my soul comes clean
And when I'm clean and hung out to dry
I'm gonna make you laugh until you cry *Refrain*

If by chance I should find myself at risk
A-falling from this jagged cliff
I look below, and I look above
I'm surrounded by your boundless love *Refrain*

*This Sunday we remember
W. Thomas Cunningham, Jr. and John Berton Cunningham*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Officiant: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Videographer: W. R. L. Simms

Musicians: Parish Choir

Choral Prelude: West Gallery Choir

Postlude Soloist: Sam Zimmer

Guitarists: Sam, Knox Hubbard

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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

For populations most vulnerable to the COVID virus: especially the Navajoland Indian Reservation
and all our mission partners.

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

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Howard Eckstein

For those about to be baptized: especially Hunter Thompson Valentine who will be baptized at St. James's next week

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Bryan Burke, Clair Duffey, Bob Friend, Megan Hassett, Pricey Hawthorne and Nate Krey who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Acacia L. Gross

Music Notes



Hallelujah is a gospel hymn written by William Walker in 1835. This arrangement is from *Heavenly Home: Three American Songs* by Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970), a composer and arranger active in the Los Angeles area. In 2012 Kirchner was appointed Composer-in-Residence for the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Shawn is also a songwriter in a range of styles including bluegrass, folk, country, gospel and jazz, a church musician and plays original jazz tunes with the Shawn Kirchner Quartet. This performance was sung by the West Gallery Choir in the Choral Prelude to Evensong at the Washington National Cathedral in 2019.

Jubilate Deo is by the English composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). Stanford was Professor of Composition at the Royal College of Music from 1883 and Professor of Music at Cambridge from 1887. He held both positions until his death. His pupils included Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst. Among Stanford's contributions to *The Hymnal 1982* are Engelberg, "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine" (#477), and St. Patrick's Breastplate, "I bind unto myself today" (#370).

Beati quorum via, also by Stanford, is a setting of Psalm 119. It is a motet in six parts published in 1905 as one of *Three Latin Motets*.

Boundless Love was written by singer/songwriter John Prine (1946-2020), who is considered one of the most influential songwriters of his generation. Prine began his career singing open mic nights in Chicago while working as a mailman. He was heard and championed by Kris Kristofferson, who said that Prine wrote songs so good "we'll have to break his thumbs." He is greatly admired by other singer/songwriters, including Bob Dylan, who called Prine one of his favorite writers in an interview in *The Huffington Post*, adding "Prine's stuff is pure Proustian existentialism. Midwestern mindtrips to the nth degree. He writes beautiful songs." *Boundless Love* is on Prine's latest cd, *The Tree of Forgiveness*, released April 2018, an album worthy of a dedicated mass at St. James's.

Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Music next Sunday includes Lisa Niemeier playing Movement I of Beethoven's Sonata 10 in G Major, Op. 14, No. 2 and the Guitar Ensemble singing a Ziggy Marley setting of verses from the Song of Solomon.