



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 5, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Toccatina, *Psalm 42* (Comfort ye my people)

Henry Woodward

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Choral Introit: Kyrie

Leo Sowerby

Lord, have mercy upon me. Christ have mercy upon me. Lord, have mercy upon me.

Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to cast a fire upon the earth, grant that by the prayers and songs of your faithful people, a fire of love may be kindled in us, passing from soul to soul until all the hardness of our hearts is melted away; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Chorale Harmonization, *Psalm 42*

David N. Johnson

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.

Hymn 436: Truro, "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!
- 2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
- 3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.
- 4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name

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.

Jubilate Psalm 100

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Psalm 145:8-15 Exaltabo te, Deus

Reader: Charlie Whitaker

The Psalm is read in unison.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reader: Jennifer Pollard

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: Jackson Ellis

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at

hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem: If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever,
e'en the spirit of truth.

Third Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Reader: The Reverend Laura Inscoc

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
and united to one another with pure affection; 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, Connie Cole, Matt Curtis,
Buddy Derrick, Carsten deWolff, Craig Ellisson, Cameron Flippen, Charlie Gamble, Susan
Goff, Nancy Guedri, Mary Harrison, Bernadette Howard, Palmer Johnson, Megan Lecky,
Roselyn McCard, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore,
Jim Morano, Chuck Murphy, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Sherley
Richter, Josalyn Riveria, Barry Scott, Geoff Sisk, Kathi Stalnaker, Alan Stone, Chamie
Valentine, 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: I heard the voice of Jesus say

John Dykes

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad."

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

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 59: *Merton*, “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!”

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
“Christ is near,” we hear it say.
“Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!”
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
from the darkness we arise;
Christ, our sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 See, the Lamb so long expected
comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiven;
- 4 so when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
to the Father and the Son,
with the everliving Spirit
while eternal ages run.

Postlude: Chorale Harmonization, *Psalm 42*

Johnson

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

This Sunday we remember

*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 Dr. John McCard

Officiant: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Videographer: W. R. L. Simms

Musicians: West Gallery Choir, Parish Choir

Singers: George Bishop, Olivia Sibley, Taylor Sibley, Trey Sibley, Patrick Strickler,
Mark and Virginia Whitmire

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, 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 all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Bobby Butcher IV, Sara Cann, Reuben Cox, Jr., Hayden Doyle, Jr., Susan Friend, Jan Harris, Kelly Hayes, Gordy Rawles, Jr., Catherine Row, Henry Spalding, Jr. and Will Tazewell who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Bill Royall

Music Notes

Music today

The service begins with settings of the Advent hymn, *Comfort, comfort ye my people*. The first setting is evocative of Verse 1, “Speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.” Following a choral response of “Kyrie eleison,” the meditative second setting is the cry of verse 3, “Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.”

If ye love me by Thomas Tallis was programmed in response to the collect of the day: “O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor.” *I heard the voice of Jesus say* by John Dykes is a musical setting of today’s reading from Matthew: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Sunday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

“Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of justice, wickedness was there, and in the place of righteousness, wickedness was there as well.” ~Ecclesiastes 3:16



We’ve been singing a Dylan Mass at St. James’s since 2013. A spokesman for his generation in the turbulent 60’s, we find solace in his poetry. In troubled times, we turn to Bob Dylan. He speaks the truths we recognize internally, but fail to act upon.

In his poem, *Last Thoughts on Woody Guthrie*, Dylan says,

You need something to open up a new door
To show you something you seen before
But overlooked a hundred times or more
You need something to open your eyes
You need something to make it known

George Floyd’s murder opened the nation’s eyes. He made it known. We saw firsthand what we’ve been hearing about with increasing frequency over the last 20 years – “in the place of justice, wickedness was there.”

Justice is not mysterious or esoteric. We all know what justice is. We also all know it is not being dispersed evenly and equally in our country. To quote Dylan’s iconic song, “Blowing in the wind,” we can no longer “turn our head and pretend we just don’t see.”

Let’s remind ourselves of who we are and whose we are. Join us next Sunday for a walk through the years of Dylan Masses: Massie Valentine singing “Knockin’ on heaven’s door,” the Guitar Ensemble and West Gallery Choir leading us in old and new favorites, Corey Axt singing the repentant and poignant, “What good am I?”, and Scott Ellett taking us home with “Serve Somebody.”