



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 20, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

*While the pandemic may prevent the congregation from singing aloud, we hope that you will be
“making melody in your heart to the Lord” - Ephesians 5:19*

Hymn 9 (vs.1-4): Morning Song, “Not here for high and holy things”

Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to thee,
but for the common things of earth,
the purple pageantry of dawning and of dying days,
the splendor of the sea,

the royal robes of autumn moors, the golden gates of spring,
the velvet of soft summer nights,
the silver glistering of all the million, million stars,
the silent song they sing,

of faith and hope and love undimmed, undying still through death,
the resurrection of the world, what time there comes the breath
of dawn that rustles through the trees,
and that clear voice that saith:

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, page 78

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 S35

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 105:1-6, 37-45 *Confitemini Domino*

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Search for the LORD and his strength;
continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.
He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared,
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness,
his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
That they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

The Lessons

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in

the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 343 (vs. 1-3): St. Agnes, “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Second Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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.*

Anthem: A Celtic Blessing

Irish Folk Song, arr. Mark Whitmire

The joy of God be in thy face,
Joy to all who see thee,
The circle of God around thy neck,
Angels of God shielding thee.

The joy of night and day be thine,
Joy of sun and moon be thine,
Joy of men and women be thine,
Each land and sea thou goest.

Be every season happy for thee,
Be every season bright for thee,
Be every season glad for thee,
and the Son of God at peace with thee.

Be thine the compassing
of the Christ of love,
Be thine the Spirit of Grace
to befriend thee and to aid thee.

General Thanksgiving

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.*

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. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Closing Sentences

Hymn 9 (vs 4-6): *Morning Song*, “Not here for high and holy things”

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew,
the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life,
as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;

see how the giant sun soars up,
great lord of years and days!

So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,

to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost;

to serve right gloriously the God who gave all worlds that are,
and all that are to be.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Ray Mercer Paul, Adele O. Pitt, Robert H. Pitt, Robert and Adele Pitt Leitch,
Ray Mercer ("Buck") Paul III, Anne Pitt Paul Sinnott, and George Campbell Bird*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Reader at 8:30 a.m.: Yvonne Gibney

Reader at 10:30 a.m.: Mary Horton

Musicians

Soloist: Liz Nance

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 the sick and in need: especially Mary Lee Allen, The family of Eleanor Angle, Bill Angus, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Susan Bain, Susan Bloor, Butch and Tedi Butler, Priscilla Cabell, Alice Campbell, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Buddy Derrick, Craig Ellifson, Allyson Wall Flannigan, Cameron Flippen, Susan Goff, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Virginia Hopper, Bernadette Howard, Chuckie Jackson, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Katy and Ben Lawson, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Kay Meyer, Bunkie Miller, Charlie Miller, Carrie Montague, Harry Moore, Jim Morano, Darlene Ogden, Linda Owen, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Jay Roberts, Vicki Sabatella, Derrick Satter, Barry Scott, Geoff Sisk, Jaime Stefan, Anne Sweets, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Eric, Kelly, Paul, and Woody

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, Brian Hoffmann, 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 recently baptized: especially James Walter Gochenhour and Mazie Lane Sadler

For the recently married: especially Emily Jane Rawls and Timothy Davis Silver

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Anna Berteele, Betty Brown, Corinne Davis, Mac Livingston, Jr, Margaret Meredith, Lloyd Osgood, Neil Talegaonkar and Ryland Willett who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Phyllis DeMaurizi, John Digney, John Flannigan, The Reverend Melissa Kean, Jack MacKenzie, Rosalyn McCard, The Reverend Dr. Steven Peay, and The Reverend Dr. Louis Skidmore

Music Notes



Today at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

A Celtic Blessing, is an arrangement of an anthem that I composed for the Parish Choir in 1995. The text is a prayer for guidance given by a mother to her child who is setting out to sea. It is from *Carmina Gaedelica*, a collection of traditional Celtic prayers compiled by Alexander Carmichael. The tune is based on the Irish folksong “My Lagan Love.”

Tonight at 5:30 p.m. - Jazz Mass

With the Jason Jenkins trio and Cantor Lisa Edwards Burrs singing *Come Sunday* (Ellington)

Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Singer/guitarist Knox Hubbard will be singing songs by Daniel Lanois and Bob Dylan.

In case you missed **St. James's Virtual Choir**, here are links:

[Sicut cervus](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake](#)

[If ye love me](#)

When will St. James's amazing choirs be back? At the very moment that our Bishop says it is safe. Virginia and I are so ready.