



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 27, 2020 | Online Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn 686: *Nettleton*, "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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!

The Lessons

First Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 435 (vs. 1-4): *King's Weston*, "At the Name of Jesus"

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

Second Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*

Song: What good am I?

Bob Dylan

What good am I if I'm like all the rest
If I just turn away, when I see how you're dressed
If I shut myself off so I can't hear you cry
What good am I?

What good am I if I know and don't do
If I see and don't say, if I look right through you
If I turn a deaf ear to the thunderin' sky
What good am I?

What good am I while you softly weep
And I hear in my head what you say in your sleep
And I freeze in the moment like the rest who don't try
What good am I?

What good am I then to others and me
If I've had every chance and yet still fail to see
If my hands are tied must I not wonder within
Who tied them and why and where must I have been?

What good am I if I say foolish things
And I laugh in the face of what sorrow brings
And I just turn my back while you silently die
What good am I?

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

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Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*This Sunday we remember
John Anthony Conrad, Jr., Ernest U. Conrad, Mair W. Conrad, and Mary Ann Kean*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Officiant: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Musicians:

Soloist: Soloist: Jeanne Lapierre

Singer/Guitarist: Knox Hubard

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, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Buddy Derrick, 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, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Jim Morano, Darlene Ogden, Linda Owen, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Jay Roberts, Derrick Satter, Barry Scott, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Alex Slaughter, 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, Sally Prillaman, 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 Georgina Miller Cronly and Madelynn Jo Pace

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Celia Acey, Ellen Begley, Reid Carter, Cary Chandler, Gus Corwin, Lee Gay, Amy Hartley, Cecily Lockhart, and Flora Ukrop who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Craig Ellisfson

Music Notes



Today's Online Service

What good am I is by Bob Dylan, from the album *Oh Mercy*. Steve Stockman in "Surmising on Art and Faith" writes "*What Good Am I?* is a provocative self-critique that touches on the personal as well as the global. His response to the world's marginalized sits alongside his response to the loved one closest to him. He is asking questions of his own cultural awareness as well as critiquing the reasons for his own inability to act on what he should clearly see needs acted upon."

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

With the Daniel Clarke trio and Cantor Lisa Edwards Burrs singing *Light out of darkness* (Ray Charles).

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

We celebrate The Feast of St. Francis. Berkeley Crane and Winston Crane will sing *O praise the Lord who made all beauty* (Hal Hopson).

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.