



Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 18, 2020 | Online Service
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeting and Announcements

Hymn 423 (vs. 1, 3-4): *St. Denio*, "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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 99 *Dominus regnavit*

The LORD is King; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.
Joy on their head shall be for everlasting,
and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Second Lesson: Matthew 22: 15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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.*

Recitative and Aria from *Elijah*

Mendelssohn

Recit: Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts
and not your garments for your transgressions
the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God.
I therefore say to ye, "Forsake your idols, return to God;
for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious,
and repenteth Him of the evil."

Aria: "If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
Ye shall ever surely find me," thus saith our God.
O! that I knew where I might find Him,
that I might even come before His presence.!

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 390 (vs. 1-3): *Lobe den herren*, “Praise to the Lord”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

This Sunday we remember

E. Otto N. Williams, Mary Hobson Williams, Susanne C. Williams, and E. Otto N. Williams, Jr.

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Officiant: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Musicians:

Singer: Nathan Bick

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 The family of Eleanor Angle, Susan Bain, Margaret Bloor, Susan Bloor, Priscilla Cabell, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Cameron Flippen, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Kay Meyer, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Jay Roberts, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Jaime Stefan, Anne Sweets, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Paul, and Woody

For the newly born: especially Tyndall Ann Durham, daughter of Kate and Arch Durham

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Katie Durham, Teddy Hill, Page Kemp, Landon Kemp, Walter Mock, IV, Beth Moore, Henry Peace, Cole Richardson, Amy Slocum, Frances Tyler, Tanya Van Den Heuvel, and Katherine Williamson who celebrate their birthdays today

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Today at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

This morning's music includes two arias from the oratorio *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47). Mendelssohn was the child of a prominent Jewish family. He converted to Christianity at age seven. He received music lessons from a very early age from the best teachers in Berlin. He performed publicly as a child and began composing at age nineteen. For Christmas, 1823, his grandmother presented the young composer with a manuscript copy of Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*, largely unknown at the time. Four years later Mendelssohn organized a public performance of the work which led to the great awakening of interest in Bach's music. In addition to symphonies, piano music, songs, and chamber music, Mendelssohn composed two oratorios, *St. Paul* and *Elijah*. Among the composer's most well-known works is the carol "Hark! the herald angels sing."

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

Music by the Weldon Hill trio, with vocalist Lisa Burrs singing a jazz arrangement of the 19th-century American hymn *Softly and Tenderly*.

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

Soprano Diane Wright will sing *Come to Jesus* by Mindy Smith and *LOVE Song* by Leslie Duncan and recorded by many, most notably Elton John. Diane will be supported by guitarists Sam Zimmer and Knox Hubbard.

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.