



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021 | Online Service

### Greeting and Announcements

#### Hymn 525: Aurelia, "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

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, all kneeling*

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. Alleluia.

### **Venite**

*BCP 82*

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 34:15-22** *Benedicam Dominum*

*BCP 628*

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.  
He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.  
Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.  
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.

## The Lessons

### First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

### Te Deum

BCP 95

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,  
    and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

### Second Lesson: John 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these

things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

*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.

*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 your 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 us with your Holy Spirit.

## **Collect of the Day**

*BCP 232*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.*

## **Prayer for Gratitude**

Holy God, as we celebrate this Season of Gratitude, where we give thanks for the generous hearts and active hands of our beloved church family, we pray that everyone in our St. James's community feels our love and gratitude for everything they've done and given during these trying times. God, your gifts have been an inspiration, your deeds have been sustaining and your spirits have been a light in the darkness. And for all the gifts in our lives, we say, thanks be to God. *Amen.*

## **Prayers for the Parish**

### **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.*

### **Hymn 637: Lyons, "How firm a foundation"**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

### **Versicle and Response**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Sentences**

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
W. Thomas Cunningham, Jr. and John Berton Cunningham*

### **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Officiant:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Assisting:* Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

### **Prayers of the People**

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

*For the sick and in need:* especially Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, Will Fackler, Sarah Fought, Gus Fuller, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Elizabeth Mauck, Linda Mays, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Ashley McFadden, Katie McGraw, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Geoff Sisk, Bradford Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Evelyn Sutton, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Olivia Triplett, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Barbara, Carol, Kevin, and Melissa

*For those serving in our Armed Forces:* especially David Bhatta, Robert Crutcher, Robby Farmer, and William Smith

*For justice and reconciliation among all the peoples of this earth and all who work toward that end:* especially for our efforts here at St. James’s through Sacred Ground and our Becoming Beloved Community Ministry, that you would grant us the grace, humility, and courage necessary to engage in such work.

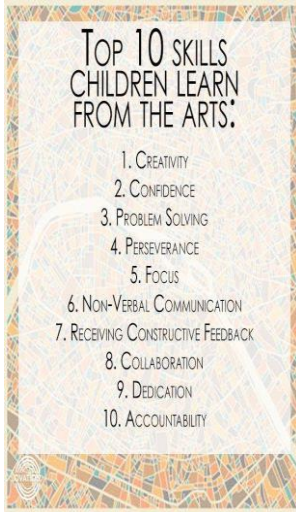
*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Richard Adamson, Tucker Brown, Harrison Clement, John Clement, Anne Fergusson, Paige Fitzgerald, and Dave Mason who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Edmonia Woodfolk Trice

## Music Notes



### Join a Choir this Fall



As you gear up for the fall and the return to routines, we encourage you to consider adding a choir rehearsal to your schedule. YOU should join us in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome. Call us at 355.1779, ext. 323 (Mark) or 324 (Virginia) or email us at [mwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:mwhitmire@doers.org) or [vwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:vwhitmire@doers.org).

If you would like to learn to sing or improve your singing, join the Singing Class. We meet at 6:15 pm for six weeks, starting September 15.

Cherub Choir (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) – starts Wednesday, September 15, 4 pm

Children's Choir (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) – starts Wednesday, September 15, 5 pm

Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – starts Sunday, September 12, 12:30 pm

West Gallery Choir (9 am service) – Wednesday, September 8, 7 pm

Guitar Ensemble (9 am service) – Wednesday, September 8, 8:30 pm

Instrumentalists in the WGC rehearse immediately following choir rehearsal.

Parish Choir (11:15 am service) – Thursday, September 9, 7:30 pm

### Giving Online

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