



15th SUNDAY after PENTECOST
MORNING PRAYER

September 13, 2020
9:00 & 10:30 AM

THE VOLUNTARY

“This is the Spirit’s entry now”
(*Leo Sowerby; arr. by J. Tang*)

Jordan Tang

This is the Spirit’s entry now: The water and the Word. ...
This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath; ...

THE OPENING SENTENCE

BCP19, p. 11

The Officiant says

I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house of the LORD.”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP19, pp. 11–13

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

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All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

THE JUBILATE

BCP19, p. 15

O be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;

serve the LORD with gladness,

and come before his presence with a song.

Be assured that the LORD, he is God;

it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

and his truth endures from generation to generation.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

O come, let us adore him.

PSALM 103

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Said in unison.

- 8 **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
long-suffering and of great goodness.**
- 9 **He will not always chide us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11 **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy also toward those who fear him.**
- 12 **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.**
- 13 **As a father pities his own children,
so is the LORD merciful to those who fear him.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Genesis 17:1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

CANTICLE

"The Song of Zechariah"

BCP19, pp. 19-20

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The People sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from Philippians 3:17–4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

INSTRUMENTAL

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high” Jordan Tang
(“*Deo gracias*,” 15th C.; arr. by J. Tang)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore ...
For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought ...
For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed ...
For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign ...
All glory in our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad ...

THE GOSPEL

A Reading from John 3:1-6

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Wes Gristy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 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

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel as able.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP19, p. 620

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

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O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER

BCP19, p. 654

Almighty God, by your Word you laid the foundations of the earth, set the bounds of the sea, and still the wind and waves. Surround us with your grace and peace, and preserve us through this pandemic. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, strengthen those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

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Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings The following names represent people who have asked for prayer. This list changes weekly based on the requests we receive. You can add a name to the list of parishioners, family, friends, and military by emailing Donna at donna@allsaintsjackson.com. For critical requests that need immediate prayer, text or call Barbara Reed at 865-659-5101.

- **Clergy** – Foley, our Archbishop; Bill, our Bishop; Fr. Wes, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Chuck, our Priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Christ Our Redeemer Anglican Church in Oklahoma City, OK and the Rev. Tere Wilson
- **Missionaries** – Lauren Butler in Albania; Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq; Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras; Craig Stewart in South Africa; and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- **Immigration Services** – Stacy Preston and Lynn Binkley
- **Public Servants** – our president, Donald Trump; our governor, Bill Lee; our county mayor, Jimmy Harris; and our city mayor, Scott Conger
- **Parishioners** – Rich and Carole Beitz, Debbie Colgrove, Carlin Diffie, Mary Louise Flanagan, Gail Hedgepeth, Shirley Phillips, Bill and Anne Ross, and Liam Williams
- **Birthdays this week** – David Knack, Adelaide Stewart, Stella Stewart, Jack Waters, Lawson Gristy, Adam Pipkin, Audrey Larsen Wells, Carey Larsen Wells
- **Anniversaries this week** – Bruce and Vicki Burch
- **Vestry member of the week** – Lloyd Tatum, Finance Chair
- **Family of Parishioners** – Diane Camper, the Dyer family, Bill Gay, Tom Mullady, Bob Nailling, Scott Pipkin, Armando Psungo, and Gary Vailes
- **Friends of Parishioners** – Baby Cayden, Cindy Denker, the Foley family, Rebecca Muncie, Danny Nowell, Nick Pappas, Melissa Price, and the Taylor family
- **Military** – Taylor Bartos, Bryan Laird, and Dalton Young
- **Deceased** – Wayland Rogers

THE 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.**

The People sit.

GREETINGS & NOTICES

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL

*“Lift high the cross”
(Sydney Hugo Nicholson)*

Jordan Tang

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.



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