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**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

**Twenty Fourth Pentecost**

**November 20, 2022**

**Morning Prayer**

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# The Word of God

**PRELUDE:** "Humbly I Adore Thee"

by J. Barr

**OPENING HYMN:** *Crown him with Many Crowns-* 494 (Blue Hymnal)

## OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant :*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Officiant and People*

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

*Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.*

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

### VERSICLE

*All stand*

*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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

*Officiant*

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come let us adore him.

**SONG OF PRAISE - S 290 -*Glory to God (Blue Hymnal S-280 ) (Powell)***

**PSALM: Psalm 46- Prayed responsively, by whole verse, starting with the officiant. Congregational response is in italics.**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;*

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.*

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

<sup>8</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>*It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.*

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*  
*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said, by all:*

*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 READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A Lesson from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven

them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## **FIRST CANTICLE-**

**Prayed responsively, by half-verse. Congregational responses are in italics.**

### **16 The Song of Zechariah**    *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1: 68-79*

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 the shadow of death, \**  
*and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

*All pray:*

*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.*

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

*The congregation stands, as able.*

**GOSPEL HYMN- *He is King of Kings- LEVAS 96 (Red and Black Hymnal)***

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Luke.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

*Reflection or silent prayer*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)**

*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 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**

Richard Pflieger

### **SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*            *And also with you.*  
*Officiant*        *Let us pray.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)**

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

### **SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)**

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* *And grant us your salvation.*

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* *Let your people sing with joy.*

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* *For only in you can we live in safety.*

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* *Your saving health among all nations.*

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People:* *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

*People:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Officiant:* *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

*Officiant:*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Officiant:*

Almighty and loving God, we ask your healing and grace for all who are sick or in any kind of trouble. We pray today for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsay, Frank Harrell, Regina Green, Randy Simpson, Barry Wilkinson,

Jamie Cauley, Charles Loftis, Donzell Jenkins, Raymond Duran, Maxine Richardson, Jennifer Thomas, and Whitney.

We also pray for all those saints among us who have died. We pray today for: Ed R Ingram. May your peace comfort and bring to wholeness all who are in need or grief.  
AMEN

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People:* And also with you.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING PRAYERS**

### **A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

*Officiant and People:*

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



## **THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

*Officiant:*

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

**HYMN *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Duke Street) (Blue Hymnal 544)***

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**POSTLUDE:** Mediation on "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

by J. Barr

## **PARISH NOTES**

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

**Advent bible study starts Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

Bible study will be taking a break this week for Thanksgiving.

For Advent, join us reading and discussing the book Unwrapping the Names of Jesus. We will have 10 copies available next Sunday for \$5.00 each.

### **Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

### **Compline (Night Prayer) Online Thursdays at 7 PM**

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John's each Thursday evening. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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	Linda Cage, Outreach
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	Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

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