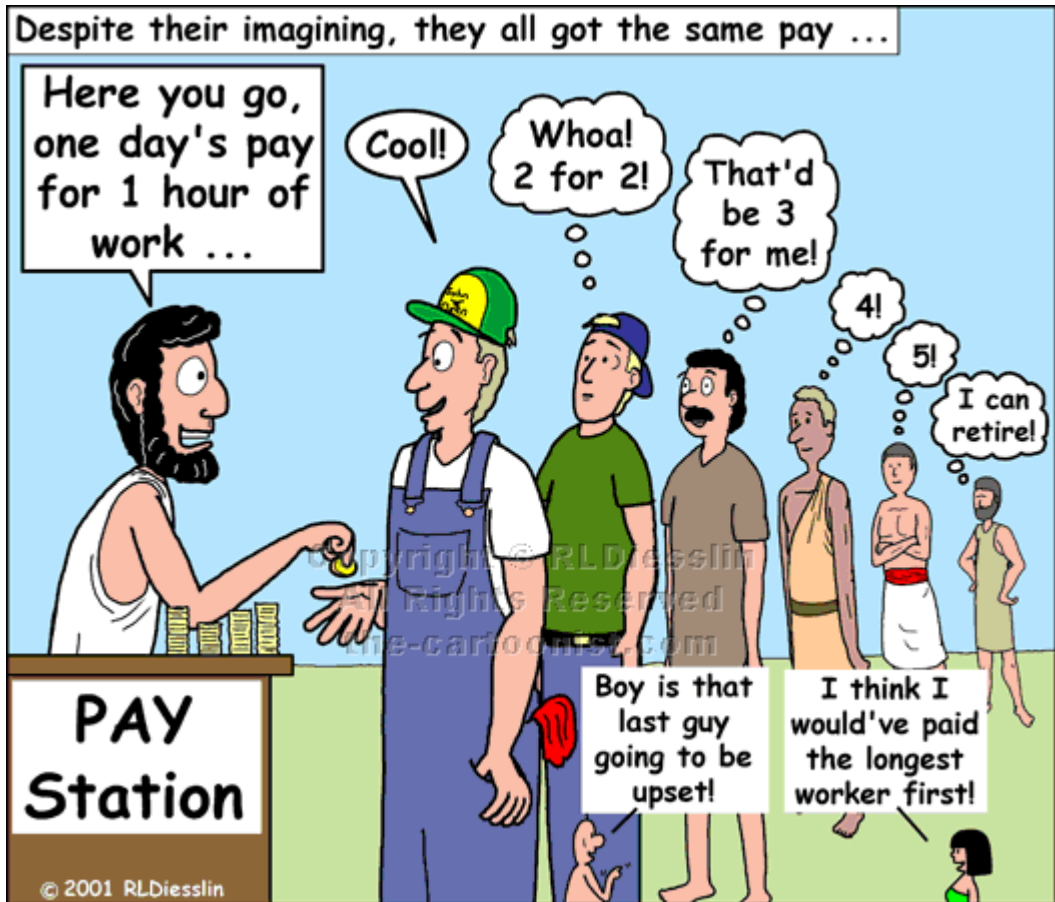


St. John's Episcopal Church

8 Sunnyside Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius, Rector



Sixteenth SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO 9:30AM

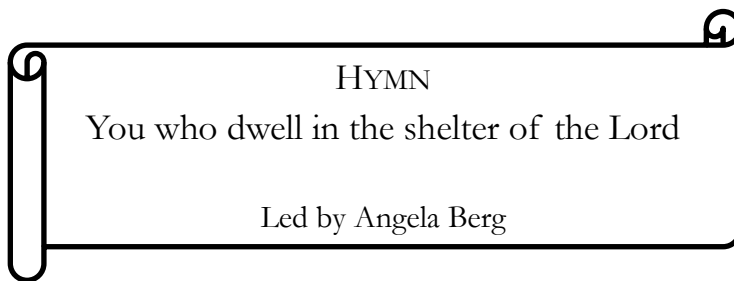
September 20, 2020

This morning we celebrate with an abridged service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *PS 43:3*



Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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 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 PSALTERO

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

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

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.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: **Come let us adore our God.**

Psalm 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1 I will exalt you, O God my sovereign, * and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to your greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvellous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

A Reading from the Epistle to the Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one

mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle:

a portion of Canticle 10, The Second Song of Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon God when he draws near.

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.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 20:1-16

Reader: The Rev. Deacon Lynn Werdal

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ‘Take what belongs to you and go; I choose

to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

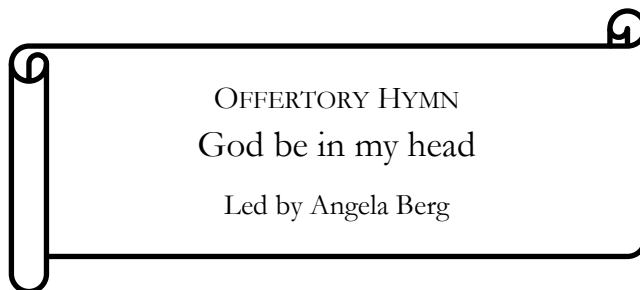
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

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THE PEACE: MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE OFFERTORY LET US WITH GLADNESS PRESENT THE OFFERINGS
AND OBLATIONS OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR TO THE LORD.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

SUFFRAGES: SET A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19, those who are quarantined and those anxious in the uncertainty of this constantly evolving pandemic, especially **Maria Lamorgese-Gibbons** (from Holy Innocence), **Fr. Luke & Fr. Hoyt** (Holy Innocence). We pray for all those struggling to overcome violence in their community, for peacemakers, peacekeepers, and peace seekers. We pray for all Police Officers may they be filled with hope and be kept safely in God's care. We pray for all those who have suffered, been injured or died from the violence overwhelming our Nation. We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith. We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Laura O'Malley** (John & Clare McAndrew's niece), **Yumi, Linda Hill, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Ellie Ruvo, Steven Schubert, and Shlomo Teladano**. We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda, Margaret Vaccaro, John & Lee Williams, Dorothy Dushin, Ronald Acheson, Jim, Marge, Joe Smith, Carolyn Damiano, Deanna Ammirato and Bill & Dorothy D'Amato**. We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff Daniele, Andrew Tom, Rena Kaplan, Rebecca, Vince Servio, Sarah Paruolo, Annaliese Haag, Martha, Gerald, Marilyn Griffin, Joyce, Paul Ruvo, Helene, Jason, and Jeff**. We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**. We pray for those in our hearts whom we now name, either silently or aloud.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

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.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

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; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Parish Announcements

- ✦ Please join Deacon Lynn and Mother Mary+ for St. John's virtual **Coffee Hour** today at 10:30am! Note the change in time.
- ✦ **St. John's Thrift Shop** is closed for both shopping and donations during this pandemic.
- ✦ **Tuesday Parish Office Hours** from 10am to 1pm. Should you need to stop in or call for information, please do so during these hours.
- ✦ **Thursday Additional Office Hours:** from 2p to 4p.
- ✦ **Offering:** During this time when we are not meeting together the church still incurs expenses. Please continue to support the St. John's. You can mail your offering to the church office. If you would like to make an online pledge you can do so by going to our website stjohnspleasantville.org and clicking on the "Donate" button. Thank you for your continued generosity during this anxious time. You may also support the church

by shopping with AmazonSmile, the link is also found on our website.!

- ✦ **Diocesan E-Pledge Plan being discontinued.** September is the last month the Diocese will take funds from your accounts. If you are a participant, please make other arrangements for the transfer of you kind and generous pledge.

- ✦ **Tuesday Noon Zoom Prayers:** Please join us for a quiet and restorative moment in the middle of the day, talking about our concerns, people we want to pray for especially, Keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Tuesday morning at 11AM.

- ✦ **Wednesday Bible Study Group Discussion at 11am:** Please join us as we delve into The Letter of James which has much to say about the companionship of faith and good works. Keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Wednesday morning at 10AM.

- ✦ **The Pleasantville Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry NEEDS YOUR HELP**
Please donate food: Cases of sterilized milk, soups, tuna, chicken, beans, peanut butter, coffee, etc. can be drop shipped to St. John's if that is easiest for you.
OR Pick up ShopRite Gift Cards for distribution
OR [Make a monetary donation through the Pantry's website](#)

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FOOD INSECURITY AWARENESS CHALLENGE

THE GOAL: cook for your family from the food provided in a typical Pantry distribution

THE PROCESS: Shop from the list below, this is for a family of four, adjust according to you situation.

Cereal, oatmeal packets, milk, granola bars, 2 cans of beans and 1 bag of beans, 1 baking item (cake mix/pancake mix), canned or dried fruit (this week it is a 6 pack of Sunmaid raisins), peanut butter, jelly, 2-3 soup, 2-3 pasta, canned tomatoes, jarred spaghetti sauce, fresh veggies (if we don't have then we give canned veggies), cookies, 2 lb bag of rice, and 1 can of coffee. We also include a bonus item - last time it was juice, this week it is salad dressing. We always include a small package of meat-chicken thighs/drumsticks or ground beef 2 lb bags of shredded chees.

Please note the items this distribution does not include: soap of any kind, TP, toothpaste for example.

Please share, via video you experience as a family and share your recipes. What did you learn, how does this exercise inform your understanding of the challenge facing many of our neighbors? Does this exercise change your perceptions of gratitude, humility and repentance as a Christian practice? How might this exercise have planted seeds of blessing and grace in your life?

