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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Morning Prayer: Rite Two 9:30^{AM}

Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other, in Christ. (BCP 855)

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

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: #608 vs 1 & 4

Eternal Father strong to save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." (*Isaiah 57:15*)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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

Silence

All: **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.**

Officiant: 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.**

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

PSALM 9 (9-20)

- 9 You will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.
- 11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
- 12 The avenger of blood will remember them *
and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- 13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;
- 14 so that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.
- 15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.
- 16 O Lord, you are known by your acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget you.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.
- 20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *

ANTIPHON

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him
People: **Come let us adore him.**

JUBILATE DEO PSALM 100

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, *
all you lands;
- 2 serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.
 3 Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; *
 the One made us and to whom we belong;
 we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
 4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
 go into these courts with praise; *
 give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
 5 For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; *
 and whose faithfulness endures from age to age. :

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me;
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 4:35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And

they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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 always with you.

And also with you

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself; an offering and a sacrifice to God

Offertory Hymn MHSO #20

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES: SET 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.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we work to build harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi, Ronald** Garvey, **Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beaugard; **Ellie** Ruvo,

Steven Schubert, **Martha** Thornley and **Shlomo** Teladano

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **John & Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **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, **Rebecca, Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald, Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce, Paul** Ruvo, **Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore, Linda** Hill, 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 all those who love and care for children.

We pray for those who have died, especially the over 590,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 FAMILIES AND PERSONAL LIFE

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sets the solitary in families: We commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech you every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTEM

Officiant and People

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 .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #194

Lead me, guide me

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For ___ if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, ___ let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Fine**

1. I am weak ___ and I need thy strength and power to ___
2. Help me tread ___ in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
3. I am lost ___ if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, — lead me. _____

D.C.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STEWARDSHIP

God asks of Job, “Were you there when I laid the foundations of the earth?” Further God asks, “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?” Clearly, it was not Job who was there or who shut the door on the sea. Clearly we know it was not you or I, we are but temporary tenants. Stewards, but not the builder. Much as we create, we are not the Creator.

Turn to the Gospel and meet Jesus, asleep, unperturbed by the raging sea, who when awakened by the fearful followers rebukes the wind with, “Peace! Be still!” Ah, now we know the answer to the question, Who was there? Who shut in the sea? Jesus, God’s Word.

We are called to give to God the honor due God’s Name, we do that with our praise and giving from the first fruits of our earthly labors. Please contribute to the work of God at St. John’s.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: If you have a graduate in the family - high school or college - please be sure to email their name to Mother Mary+ so they can be included in our special prayers for graduates in June.

BAPTISM: The beginning of our new life in Christ will be celebrated at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday September 12th, 2021. If you or your children are contemplating Baptism in the Episcopal Church, please contact Mother Mary +for more information

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is a moment in time when we celebrate the beginning of our adult journey with Jesus Christ. The Church takes preparation for this transition in our lives seriously, requiring a lengthy period of study, discussion and action. Classes will begin September 14th, 2021 and are open to anyone 7th grade and above. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Hello all. The thrift shop is open Saturdays from 10-2. We are seeking volunteers for 2 hour shifts to help out our regular staff. Please consider helping out. We have had staff changes since Covid-19 and have a smaller pool to draw from. Here is a link to our updated [Sign Up Genius](#). Thank you, Linda Spione on behalf of the executive committee

TUESDAY NOON ZOOM PRAYERS & CHAT: Join us via ZOOM for a brief moment of calm in your all to hectic day.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: at 11am; ZOOM link sent out in This Week @ St. John's. We have completed Paul's Letter to the Romans, Please join us as we begin a new Letter.

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