

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Daily Office –Morning Prayer (Rite II)

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 18, TRACK 1)

September 5, 2021 9:30am

In-Person at the church, and Livestreamed via Zoom

The People's responses are in boldface. *Rubrics (liturgical directions) are in red.*

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"Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

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THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION

The People stand as are able as the Officiant enters and says

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as are able

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 Officiant (if a Priest or Bishop) 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 People stand as are able

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
All together **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 *Psalm 95:1-7*

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him.**

The Officiant begins

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

All in unison for remainder of the Invitatory

**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!**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus*

The Officiant begins

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *

The People read in unison with the Officiant for the remainder of the psalm

**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

3 **For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.**

4 **So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.**

- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

The Officiant begins

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *

The People read in unison with the Officiant for the remainder of the psalm
for he has done marvelous things.

- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

All in unison

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The People sit for the Readings

THE READINGS

The First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125 *Qui confidunt*

The People remain seated

The Lector begins

1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *

The People read in unison with the Lector for the remainder of the Responsory
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem; ***
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

3 **The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land**
allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 **Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good ***
and to those who are true of heart.

5 **As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,**
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

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The Second Reading

Mark 7:24-37

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli

A period of silence may follow the Homily

The Apostles' Creed

The Officiant says

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Officiant and the People together, standing as are 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 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.**

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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 People remain standing as are able

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and the 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.**

The Suffrages (A)

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

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for All Who Labor (*Rogation II*)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sundays

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.**

A Collect for Peace

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.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect 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.**

During the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, on the following page, those participating on Zoom are encouraged to un-mute their mics when indicated, to offer their intentions aloud; please re-mute afterward

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant begins

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: Hear us now, O heavenly Father, as we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud:

(concerns and thanksgivings are offered, silently or aloud)

The Officiant continues

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.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Please note the Alms Basin at the rear of the church where you may leave your pledges or donations

See below for how to make a safe and convenient electronic donation to the St. John's at any time

Please follow the directions of the Greeters to safely exit the church building



Announcements

To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this on-demand, thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!

To support the mission and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, NJ, go to our website, <http://www.stjohnsboonton.org> and scroll to the middle of the page to the "Electronic Giving" link on the right side. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

An on-demand recording of this service can be found at the website address above.



Please Note: Next Sunday, September 12th, we return to our regular service schedule, The Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:30am

The Zoom livestream will continue to be broadcast, at 10:30am



Leading and Supporting our Worship Today

The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli
Supply Priest and Officiant

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine
Deacon

Mr. Kevin Bidwell
Lector

In case you were wondering...

Why does my mic have to be muted? And why should I read along aloud at home?

One of the truths online worship has taught us is the difficulty of reading in unison when the people are not all in the same room. Individual voices travelling through the circuits and switches of the Internet will not all arrive at the same time. Yet unison reading is at the heart of our corporate worship, our “common prayer,” as though all our voices are blending into one as they rise to the ear of the Almighty. But we know that: 1) when God leads us into a wilderness, we will lose some things that give us familiarity, comfort, and meaning; but 2) God is *always* with us, leading us to something new, helping us see new solutions for new problems.

We believe God has led us to the following solution for this problem: only the mics of the clergy and the lectors (readers) will be active during the service. All others will be muted throughout. But this does not make the Office something to be “watched;” participation is expected of each of us, to contribute to “the work of the people” (which is what the Greek origin of the word “liturgy” means). The sections appearing in **boldface** are the People’s responses, and you, as the People, should read them, *aloud and with intention*, along with the speaker.

Even though you won’t hear your fellow worshipers’ voices blending with yours, you will still be reading in unison, even though each one is in a different place. You may not hear those voices joined, but God does, for separation by space, and even by time, means nothing to the One who is everywhere, always. If you are new to streaming worship, it may at first feel awkward to read aloud whether you are alone or with others; you will grow used to it. Try to remember that the very act of reading the same words at the same time as everyone else folds you in with the rest and anchors you in the community’s “common prayer.” And don’t forget, in worship we are always surrounded by the “Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven;” and even though we can’t hear them, what honor and glory to know that our voices are added to theirs!