

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Daily Office –Morning Prayer (Rite II)

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 25, TRACK 1)

October 24, 2021 10:30am

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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"Go; your faith has made you well."

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION

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

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him..
Habakkuk 2:20

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 Deacon remains kneeling and says

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.

All stand as are able as the Officiant says

People O Lord, open our lips.
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.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

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

The Officiant begins

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

All in unison for remainder of the Invitatory

**serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

A Reading from the book of Job.

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) *Benedicam Dominum*

The People remain seated

The Lector begins

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *

The People read in unison with the Lector for the remainder of the Responsory
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Reading

Mark 9:38-50

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine

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.
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 help 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 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.**

The Office concludes on the following page

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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: We have returned 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. Deacon John H. Van Dine
Deacon and Officiant

Ms. Ellen Bomser
Lector

Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr.
Organist & Director of Music

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!

*Father Barry M. Signorelli
March 2021*