



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

God of Our Fathers
(based on Hymn 718, *National Hymn*)

George William Warren
arr. Eugénie Rocherolle

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*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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.

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.

Officiant The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

People Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant and People

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
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.**

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People Come let us adore him.

Psalm 145:8-15

Officiant and People

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-12.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Canticle 20 Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**
**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**
**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

A Reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans 7:15-25a.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my

members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Come unto him from Messiah* George Frideric Handel
Birgitta Whited, soloist

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People

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.

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.

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon O Lord our God: you hear our prayers before we speak, and answer before we know our need. May your Spirit pray in us, drawing us to you and toward our neighbors.

We pray for the whole creation: may all things work together for good, until, by your design, your children inherit the earth and order it wisely. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ; that prompted by your Spirit, it may be true, engaging, and active in doing your will. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the people and clergy of Amazing Grace at the ACI, that they may never lose heart and have all hope encouraged. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in the world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, and put out ancient hate that smolders still or flames in sudden conflict. Empower those who govern, especially Donald our president and Gina our governor, to make, administer, and judge our laws with equity, justice, and mercy. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those members of this community who serve our country in the armed forces. Following Christ's command we pray for our enemies, recognizing that they too are children of God. May we be kept from infectious hate or desire for vengeance. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the whole world in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, and we pray for our nation in the aftermath of George Floyd's death. For all of humanity that we might be relieved of anxiety, fear, and hardness of heart. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are hungry, who are housed in cramped places, who struggle to find access to basic human needs, particularly for those who are clothed and fed by our outreach ministries. Increase in us, and all who prosper, concern for the disinherited. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer pain and cry out for healing: for Margaret Poole, Julian, Brayden Mossey, Larry Baxter, Steve, Leo, Paula A., Lois Hunter, Janet Kitchen, Lou R., Robert Turner, Christopher Gormley, Arlene & Bill Dubios, Joanie B., Jason Harris, Ryan Luther, Stephanie Ann, Sophia Martin, Don B., Pete Fornal, Matthew, Florence & John MacQueen, Maddalyn, George Graham, Samantha Mossey, Kerri Turgeon, Doreen Gardner, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, James Watts, III, Paula Thompson, Michael Joliceur, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Cole R., Kate & Callie, Bill, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Paul M., Peter & Nancy W., Mike, Don & Mary S., "C", Richard Fogarty, Kenneth Hunter, William Larkin, Kathy L., Gary & Cindy M., Judy P., Brian Larkin, Henry Gorko, Helen, Joel Russo, Roz, Baby A & Family, Elaine James, Don, Liz McClintick, Norma, Theresa Deiters, Patsy Tracey, Kim Knoll, Dorothy, Thomas Knoll, Rita, Ashley Knoll, Samantha Simas, and Stuart Farr, may they know the healing power of God's love. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died and those who will die this week: We pray especially for Maureen Lorenzo, Muriel Harris, and Frances Murphy-Ragidan and their family and friends in their time of grief, may they enjoy light, keep dignity, and greet death unafraid. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people everywhere: may they come into their own as children of God, and inherit the kingdom prepared in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, and Saviour of the world. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Deacon Hear our prayers, almighty God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who prays with us and for us, to whom be praise forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgivings for National Life 5. *For the Nation*

Officiant and People

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They

make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall

short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.

Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Closing Hymn 719

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
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