

The Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington  
in the Episcopal Diocese of New York



A Service of Morning Prayer  
for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 2020 at ten o'clock

### **Before the Service**

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide world.

John Oxenham (1852-1941)

Time itself is neutral; it can be used either destructively or constructively...  
Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the  
tireless efforts of men and women willing to work to be co-workers with God,  
and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social  
stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is  
always ripe to do right.

Why We Can't Wait (1963)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

I am enlivened by our stories of survival. Even though white folks tried to steal  
our histories – our lives, our labor, our culture, our origins – we recover the  
records. We find the census, the photos, the certificates, the inscriptions.  
Thanks to my grandmother, I am filled with stories of triumph over slavery, over  
lynching, over Jim Crow, because our dignity was too strong to crush. I have felt  
the cast-iron pot of my grandmother and held the Bible of my great-grand  
mother. I sit at the feet of my elders and listen to them honor our shared past.  
I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.

Austin Channing Brown

To our unborn child,  
You were born into a beautiful and messy world.  
We are your parents and we deeply love you.  
We are sorry that the world we brought you into is so messy...  
Be brave child.  
Listen to your heart.  
Listen to the voices of those overlooked.  
Listen to the land.  
Listen to the Spirit's movement.

Extract from *Go Listen* by Rachel and Chris Brnjas

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

## A Service of Morning Prayer

*When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church.*

### Prelude

### Opening Sentence

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.     *Matthew 3:2*  
+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
God's mercy endures forever.

### The Invitatory and Psalter

O Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall show forth your praise.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

Praise the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

**Venite**     *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People:*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
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!**

*Then follows in union*

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

*At the end of the Psalms is said*

**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**

*One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from Romans

[10:5-15]

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [14:22-33]

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Rev. Kevin D. Bean, The Rector's Father-in-Law

**The Apostles' Creed**

*said in unison*

**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.**

**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

### The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

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.**

### Intercessions

*Officiant*

We have been united with Christ in his death, and made one with him in his resurrection. In his newness of life, we raise our hearts in prayer, responding, "*Lord have mercy.*"

### *Biddings*

Let us pray for the healing of the nations in a world bruised and torn apart by war, oppression and injustice. We pray also for all those who are seeking to bring peace and reconciliation in our own nation and an end to racial injustice.

**Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit at this time. Especially for whom we have been asked to pray, among them: [N]; may God's all embracing love reach out to them through his appointed people so that we are brought into fellowship with them, our brothers and sisters in need.

**Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray for all those who are recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them: [N]; we commend them to your mercy that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord have mercy.**

Lord of Life and Love, you have called us to serve you; give us the grace and strength to respond to your call and fill us with your ubiquitous and audacious love. We ask these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The Collects**

#### **The Collect of the Day**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Divine Encounter**

God of healing and hope, in Jesus Christ you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the novel coronavirus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer.

**Amen.**

*The Reverend Sam Wells; St Martins in the Field, London*

### **A Collect for the Nation**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Greetings and Announcements**

#### **Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, Look mercifully on this your family gathered in their own homes as well as in places of recovery and places of protest, that by your great goodness they may be justly governed and rightly preserved for evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*Officiant:* Gareth C. Evans +  
*Preacher:* Kevin D. Bean +  
*Organist and Choirmaster:* Donald Butt  
*Audio-Visual:* Kelli Scott  
*Readers:* TBD



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