

**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!**

- 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 LESSON**

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, "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.

**REFLECTIONS**

The Rev. Julie B. Murdoch

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“A Patriotic Medley”*

arr. Homer A. Ferguson III

*Please sing along with these familiar songs of patriotism and faith:*

1. My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

2. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!

America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

3. God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
God bless America, my home sweet home

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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*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 LORD'S PRAYER**

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*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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SUFFRAGES

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*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

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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.**

## A COLLECT FOR THE NATION

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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.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

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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.**

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

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Let us pray now for own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

**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.**

**DISMISSAL**

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*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.

**POSTLUDE**

*"The Stars and Stripes Forever"*

John Philip Sousa



**Leading in the Liturgy**

The Rev. John G. Talk, *Rector*

The Rev. Julie Murdoch, *Associate Rector*

Dr. Homer A. Ferguson, III, *Organist*

Pat Fitzgerald, *Reader*

Elizabeth Carter, *Verger*



## EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

**Prayer for Those who are ill or with Special Needs:** Most merciful Father, you have taught us in your Holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children: Look with pity on the sorrows of your servants for whom our prayers are offered. Remember them O Lord, in mercy, nourish their souls with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, guide them to discern your will, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alan, Alfred, Betsey, Betty, Bill, Blaine, Bob, Brian, Carol, Cathy, C. W., Charlotte, Courtney, David, Dawn, Don, Edwin, Fred, Elaine, Fred, Gene, Gordon, Jacque, Jerry, Johnny, June, Lucinda, Mary, Matthew, Michael, Pat, Patti, Pete, Sarahleigh, Susan, Taylor, Walton, the Daughtrey family, the Saaf and Talk family, the Thompson family, the Thrasher family, and the Vidovich family.

**Prayer for Healthcare Workers and First Responders:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Adapted by Episcopal Relief and Development from the Book of Blessings, #587, by Diana Macalintal)*

**Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our country:** *Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Corbin Andrews, Matt Astorino, Amy Soileau, Garrett Soileau, Drew Engelson, Karl Hausfeld, Will Haynes, Kevin McAden, Blake Schwartz, Byron Wade, James Kostuch, Jordan, Justin Hamlin, S. D. Huntley, Jeffrey Giltzow, Chris Brophy, Tom Lawrence, Doug, Jeremy, and Nick.