



St. John's Episcopal Church  
Morning Prayer  
Sunday, July 4, 2021 – Year B, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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*All stand*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn

*God of our Fathers*

Hymnal #718

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y  
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;  
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay  
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,  
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

The Confession and Absolution

*The assembly may kneel or stand* God of unearthly wisdom,  
We take offense  
At your humanity;  
We lose our faith  
That you can change us:  
Come to us  
Who are you own;  
Convert our inward looking eyes  
And take us on the road  
Where all is lost  
And all is gained,  
Through Jesus Christ, the Prophet. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Officiant*

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*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate Psalm 100 *To be read in one voice.*

**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 form age to age.**

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you;  
O GOD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O God, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for you, O God, my soul waits for you; \*  
in your word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for you,  
more than sentries for the morning, \*  
more than sentries for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait upon God, \*  
for with God there is mercy;

7 With God there is plenteous redemption, \*  
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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.

*All sit*

The First Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Second Song of Isaiah : Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*

and return not again, but water the earth  
Bringing forth life and giving growth,\*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;\*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,\*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

The Second Lesson:  
A Reading from Mark.

Mark 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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The Sermon

*All stand*

The Apostles' Creed

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**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

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

<p> <b>Our Father, who art in heaven,</b>  <b>hallowed be thy Name,</b>  <b>thy kingdom come,</b>  <b>thy will be done,</b>  <b>on earth as it is in heaven.</b>  <b>Give us this day our daily bread.</b>  <b>And forgive us our trespasses,</b>  <b>as we forgive those</b>  <b>who trespass against us.</b>  <b>And lead us not into temptation,</b>  <b>but deliver us from evil.</b>  <b>For thine is the kingdom,</b>  <b>and the power, and the glory,</b>  <b>for ever and ever. Amen.</b> </p>	<p> <b>Our Father in heaven,</b>  <b>hallowed be your Name,</b>  <b>your kingdom come,</b>  <b>your will be done,</b>  <b>on earth as in heaven.</b>  <b>Give us today our daily bread.</b>  <b>Forgive us our sins</b>  <b>as we forgive those</b>  <b>who sin against us.</b>  <b>Save us from the time of trial,</b>  <b>and deliver us from evil.</b>  <b>For the kingdom, the power,</b>  <b>and the glory are yours,</b>  <b>now and forever. Amen.</b> </p>
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*Announcements and Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel*

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary (BOS)

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully on N. and N., who come to affirm the promises they have made to each other. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true

fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A

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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.**

The Collect of the Day

God of unearthly wisdom, we take offense at your humanity; we lose our faith that you can change us: Come to us who are your own; convert our inward looking eyes and take us on the road where all is lost and all is gained, through Jesus Christ, the Prophet. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

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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

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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, you 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 Mission

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O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Intercession for St. John's Prayer List, personal intercession and thanksgiving.*



*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Closing Hymn *Immortal, We are all one in Mission*  
(See following page)

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

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;  
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.  
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.  
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.