

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns.
You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 11 (vs. 1&4)

Awake, my soul

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice:

4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider 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. Alleluia.

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Presider 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!

The First Lesson

Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

The Response

Deus, in adiutorium

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; let those who
take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and
gloat over me turn back, because they are
ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad
in you; let those who love your salvation
say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself,

with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 58 (Vs. 1&4)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Priest † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with

the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

The Prayers

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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.*

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.*

Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider 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.*

Recessional Hymn 436 (v. 1,3&5)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits! The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin; thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Donna Wrinkle 11/10 Joan Cummings 11/12

Anniversaries

James & Lindsay Stinchcomb 11/8

Christian Formation Class Today at 9:40 am Virtually

Adult CF is scheduled for 9:40 am via Zoom. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

2021 Pledge Campaign “Faith filled Generosity” Numbers to Date

During these unusual times, collecting our pledges has been a little more sporadic than what we are use to. We appreciate those who have been able to turn in their pledges this year. As of the printing of the bulletin we have 40 pledges for \$102,474. We had 90 pledges last year, so we have a little way to go. We understand the difficult times we are in and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support ECA’s ministry moving forward for 2021. There are multiple ways to send in your pledge, you can mail the envelope we sent back to ECA, you can email us at ecaparish@gmail.com or Fr. Paul if you wish, you can leave in the secure mailbox down at the street, or leave with us when you attend a service at ECA. We are deeply grateful for all who continue to support ECA and our ministry and worship together and we hope to be back together soon.

ECA Reach Poinsettia Fundraiser 2020

ECA is holding its annual Reach Poinsettia Fundraiser again! Attached is the order form. It can easily be emailed and shared with family and friends. Please complete the order and return it to ECA with your payment (mail to: 1673 Jamerson Road Marietta, GA 30066) Deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, November 15th, 2020. They will be delivered to the church between December 1 and December 8th. Thank you for your continued support! Click here for the [**ORDER FORM**](#)

Vestry Nominations Open for 2021

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA please contact Wanda Ziembinski, Chris Renaud or Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment and meets once a month with a retreat in January. Vestry members serve in a leadership role with a ministry within the parish. Vestry qualifications are: any confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish not less than 18yrs of age, a regular attendant of church services the preceding year before election, and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support throughout preceding year before election.

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. *Volunteers needed to read the Sunday lessons.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

New COVID-19 Guidelines for Limited In-person Worship & Group Gatherings

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

ECA Finances to Date

<u>(YTD) Through Sept. 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$161,818	\$176,631	(\$14,844)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$153,979</u>	<u>\$175,813</u>	<u>\$21,833</u>
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$7,839	\$818	\$7,021

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