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Reverend Johnson leads

OPENING SENTENCE

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds. *Psalm 75:1*

CONFESSION

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your
abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for
all.
We abuse your good creation for our own
benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness
of life. Amen.

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Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God
through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our
hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our
birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Christ, our God, to thee we
raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each
hour of the day and of the
night, hill and vale and tree
and flow'r, sun and moon
and stars of light: *[Refrain]*

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's
delight, for the mystic
harmony linking sense to
sound and sight: *[Refrain]*

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends
above; for all gentle thoughts
and mild: *[Refrain]*

5 For each perfect gift of
thine, peace on earth and joy
in heav'n; for thyself, best
gift divine, to our world so
freely giv'n: *[Refrain]*

THE INVITATORY

Leader O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

Leader and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Morning Psalm

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Reverend Johnson

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

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!

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

Reader from St. Mary's

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were
dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the
peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like
gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be
ended.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's
people.
People **Thanks be to God**

THE HYMN *Healer of Our Every Ill*

<i>Refrain:</i> <i>Healer of our every ill,</i> <i>light of each tomorrow,</i> <i>give us peace beyond</i> <i>our fear,</i> <i>and hope beyond our</i> <i>sorrow.</i>	1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]	how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]	Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]
	2 In the pain and joy beholding	3 Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;	4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

Reader from Concordia

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and
sisters, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual
worship. Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your
minds, so that you may discern what is the
will of God-- what is good and acceptable
and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to
everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think, but to
think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned.
For as in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body
in Christ, and individually we are members
one of another. We have gifts that differ

according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in

Reader from St. Mary's

Canticle 21 **We Praise You, O God** *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church
acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,

generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

Deacon Fedorchak reads

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in

heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE HOMILY

David Smith

In Times Like These by Ruth Caye Jones ("Mother Jones"), 1943

In times like these you need a Savior
 In times like these you need an anchor;
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

Chorus

*This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;
 This Rock is Jesus, the only One!
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

In times like these you need the Bible,
 In times like these O be not idle;
 Be very sure, be very sure
 Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

Chorus

In times like these I have a Savior,
 In times like these I have an anchor;
 I'm very sure, I'm very sure
 My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
Chorus

THE APOSTLES' CREED*Leader and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
 Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 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,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and 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

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: And listen to our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
 yours, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS*Reader from Concordia leads*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy
 Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and
 all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus
 Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the
 living God. Prepare your church for its mission
 in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home
 and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call us into this community of faith, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead especially those we remember now. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reverend Johnson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER: WAKE US, O GOD

Wake us, O God, so that the sin of racism is purged from this land; break down the barriers that oppress all people of color; strengthen our resolve to work personally for justice; deliver us from complacency, indifference, and a return to the status quo; protect all who protest and all who are commissioned to protect and to serve; heal our addiction to privilege and power; and lead us, by your grace, to build your new community of love; we ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

N.B.: This new collect has been composed by a national team of Lutherans and Episcopalians. Written “to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission” during this crisis. In the spirit of Pentecost, Presiding Bishop Curry and his Lutheran counterpart, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, invite congregations to pray the new collect from Pentecost through the first Sunday in September.

INTERCESSIONS *Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow.*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.
After each petition we pray,
Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Leader and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

THE HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

1 My hope is built on nothing
less than Jesus' blood and
righteousness; no merit of my
own I claim, but wholly lean on
Jesus' name.
Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I
stand; all other ground is

sinking sand, all other ground
is sinking sand.
2 When darkness veils his
lovely face, I rest on his
unchanging grace; in ev'ry high
and stormy gale my anchor
holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*
3 His oath, his covenant, his
blood sustain me in the raging

flood; when all supports are
washed away, he then is all my
hope and stay. *[Refrain]*
4 When he shall come with
trumpet sound, oh, may I then
in him be found, clothed in his
righteousness alone, redeemed
to stand before the throne!
[Refrain]

Deacon Winzler dismisses the assembly

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

NOTES:

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Upcoming Commemorations

Bartholomew, Apostle

Monday, August 24, 2020

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

Friday, August 28, 2020

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Friday, August 28, 2020

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

DAILY READINGS FOR AUGUST 24-29

Monday Aug 24

Bartholomew, Apostle

Exodus 19:1-6

Psalms 12 (6)

1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

John 1:43-51

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and courageously to preach your word. Grant that your church may proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tue – Aug 25

Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39

Romans 11:33-36

Psalms 18:1-3, 20-32

Wed – Aug 26

Isaiah 28:14-22

Matthew 26:-13

Psalms 18:1-3, 20-32

Thu – Aug 27

Jeremiah 14:13-18

Ephesians 5:1-6

Psalms 26:1-8

Fri – Aug 28

Jeremiah 15:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Psalms 26:1-8

Sat – Aug 29

Jeremiah 15:10-14

Matthew 8:14-17

Psalms 26:1-8