

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Commemoration of the Jackson Kemper
Bishop, Missionary 1870

When 2 people are reading: READER 1: Plain Text *Reader 2: Italics*

Both: Bold

If there are 2 lessons, a reading and subsequent canticle may be omitted.

You are invited to begin the service by lighting a candle.

*Call our names, Lord.
Call us as you called Saul,
when we are traveling in the wrong direction,
when we are breathing threats,
when our hearts are full of evil intent.
Speak to us in unexpected voices
and set us on a new path.
Call our names, Lord.*

Call our names, Lord.
Call us as you called Ananias to be an instrument of healing,
to be agents of change,
to speak truth to power.
Even when we are fearful of the cost,
give us trust in your sending.
Call our names, Lord.

*Call our names, Lord.
Call us as you called the disciples and invited them for breakfast,
even though they did not recognize you.
Help us to see that there will be enough food for everyone
if we persist through the long night of waiting,
if we take the risks of faith and sharing
to reach the abundance of daybreak.
Call our names, Lord.*

Call our names, Lord.
Call us as you called Simon Peter and asked for his love,
then told him to feed and tend your people.
May we see the connection
between love of you and love of your people;

that we too may feed and be fed,
and follow you.

Call our names, Lord.¹

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Here are words you may trust.
Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:
he is our salvation, our eternal glory.
If we die with him, we shall live with him;
if we endure, we shall reign with him.
If we deny him, he will deny us;
if we are faithless, he keeps faith.
For he has broken the power of death
and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel.

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.

Psalm 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 *Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.*

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

4 *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.*

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 *The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.*

7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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.

A reading from First Corinthians

⁸*The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each.* ⁹*For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.*

10 *According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with*

¹ ~ originally posted on the *Monthly Prayers* page (now **Weekly Worship**) of the Christian Aid website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/weekly-worship>

care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; the Lord has become my Savior. This is my God and I will praise him, the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; The LORD is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them on the mount of your possession, The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign for ever and for ever.

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.

Anselm of Canterbury

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten, but he trusted himself to God who

judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

**By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
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.**

1 Peter 2:21b-25

The Apostles' Creed

**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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

**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.**

O God, who send your son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near, Grant that we, like your servant Jackson Kemper, may proclaim the Gospel in our own day, with courage, vision, and perseverance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. *Amen.*

In these early days after the resurrection, we wonder what it all means.
We can relate to the women who fled the tomb with terror and amazement.
We understand Thomas and his need for proof that would come only by touching the wounds and seeing the nail marks.
We understand the fear and confusion that kept the disciples in the shadow cast by closed doors.

We also keep company with the travelers on the Emmaus road who felt the strange burning of the truth and hope and love weaving into the sadness that consumed them on their walk.
We find ourselves in the eternal movement between fear and faith, doubt and conviction, wonder and worry, and we trust that you are present with us, O God.

We trust that like the disciples we will be able to stand and tell the whole message about this life that:

Love is stronger than hate
Life has the final word over death
Beyond what we can see with our eyes,
there is a bond of humanness that draws and keeps us together.

We watch with anxiety as Eastern Europe reverberates with new tensions and the fragile lines between Russia, Ukraine, and the world wide community strain as the world is pulled into war.

In the midst there are also voices of reason and peace;
perhaps they speak in whispers, but they speak nonetheless.
May those whispers rise to shouts
that proclaim the way forward with words and not weapons.

As the machines of greed and war trample the world and its peoples,

we remember that there are seeds of justice and love and goodness and grace that are planted and watered every moment of every day.

We give thanks for those who:

- rise early in the morning to prepare food
at countless soup kitchens around the world;
- search the night streets for lost children
and shepherd them to places of safety;
- keep watch amidst the sick and dying
in countless hospitals and in countless places;
- speak words of compassion in the face of hate.

It is a complicated and frightening world.

Strengthen us as we stand and bear witness to this whole life,
the life of the Risen One,
even Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.** ²

If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us?

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Step out into the world in humble confidence:

there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen,
and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,
preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds
in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.
And the blessing of God all-loving,
the Creator, Redemer and Counsellor,
will be with us now and always. **Amen!**³

JACKSON KEMPER

² ~ posted on the **World in Prayer** website. <http://www.worldinprayer.org/>

³ — written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Homepage](#).

BISHOP, MISSIONARY (24 MAY 1870)

Jackson Kemper was born 24 December 1789 in Pleasant New York, attended Columbia College, and was ordained a 1814. In 1835, the Episcopal Church undertook to consecrate missionary bishops to preach the Gospel west of the settled and Kemper was the first to be chosen. He promptly headed Having found that clergy who had lived all their lives in the East were slow to respond to his call to join him on the he determined to recruit priests from among men who were in the West, and established a college in St. Louis, Missouri, purpose. He went on to found Nashotah House and Racine in Wisconsin. He constantly urged a more extensive outreach Indian peoples, and translations of the Scriptures and the of the Church into Indian languages. From 1859 till his death he was bishop of Wisconsin, but the effect of his labors a far wider area.



Valley, priest in areas, west. settled frontier, already for that College to the services in 1870, covered



Nashota House Seminary

From a sermon preached before the Board of Missions in 1841

How remarkably peculiar, how vastly important is the position of our Church! Possessing as we fully believe all those characteristics which distinguished the primitive fold:--A scriptural Liturgy--evangelical doctrines--and the apostolic succession--having the form of godliness and the power thereof--free from the false and worldly scruples and the time-serving policy of civil governments--independent-- respected and influential--in the midst of an intelligent, enterprising and commercial people--Brethren! may it not be OUR duty to convert the world--may not this high, this inestimable privilege be offered to US! And are we prepared--are we doing at the present moment EVEN ONE TENTH part of what we are capable? Our means and our power are extensive--and under the blessing of Him, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, our aim--our constant, undeviating, untiring aim should be great and lofty. "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God."

With the talents we possess, (and for which, as good stewards, we must finally account, at that hour when no secrets can be hid), with the talents committed to our trust and the privileges we enjoy, cannot our faith, our liberality and our self-denial, GREATLY increase? Cannot our supplications be more fervent, our economy more strict, our love of souls more ardent? Have we, as individuals, or a Church, a deep and abiding interest in the success of missions?

Not a brother here would I accuse of indifference or cowardice. But I would stir up, with God's permission, the pure mind of each one, by way of remembrance. It is the spirit of missions I earnestly and most affectionately advocate.

The division into Foreign and Domestic is often arbitrary, and might, without detriment, be abolished; for no one, I presume, would wish to withdraw our heralds of the cross from Africa, suspend our incipient efforts for Texas, or abandon the much injured aborigines to all the degrading vices they have learned from unprincipled men who claim to be civilized. Let us go where duty calls--where Providence points the way--and let us rejoice in the privilege, for we assuredly ought--Oh, let us rejoice in the privilege of sending forth in the name of the Lord and under the guidance of His Spirit all those who, thoroughly instructed in sacred truths, hear the cry, "Come over and help us"--and cannot resist the deep, the abiding conviction concerning their sphere of duty--whose hearts burn within them when they hear of people or nations wholly given to idolatry, or licentiousness, or worldly-mindedness. Cultivate, dear brethren of the clergy, cultivate with the utmost assiduity your own vineyard--love with the strongest affections your own spiritual children,--but close not your hearts to the sufferings and wants of your neighbors.

(The collect refers to him as the first missionary bishop in the United States. Whether this is literally true, or means only first Anglican missionary bishop, I do not know.)

by James Kiefer

http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/Jackson_Kemper.htm