



MORNING PRAYER
January 3, 2021; 9:30am

Second Sunday in the Season of Christmas
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour
At Mission Farm, Killington



Opening Sentence

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Confession

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against
 you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have
 created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

**the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive,
 restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that
 we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, open our lips.

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

Officiant Reveal among us the light of your presence

People **that we may behold your power and glory.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia, our God and Savior now draws near:

People **O come, let us adore him, alleluia.**

Said in unison Jubilate Psalm 100

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve with gladness
and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant Alleluia, our God and Savior now draws near:
People O come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Officiant and People

Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

Canticle

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the 'greatness of the Lord:

 my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.

For you Lord have looked with favor on your lowly servant:
 and from this day all generations will call me blessed.

You O Most Mighty have done great things for me:
 and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you:
 from generation to generation.

You have shown the strength of your arm:
 you have scattered the proud in their conceit.

You have cast down the mighty from their thrones:
 and have lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich you have sent away empty.

You have come to the help of your people:
 for you have remembered your promise of mercy.

The promise you made to our forebears:
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now: and shall be for ever. Amen

First Reading

A reading from **Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people

Canticle D

A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35:1-7,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly,

And rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,

The majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands,

And make firm the feeble knees.

Say to the anxious, “Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you.”

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,

And the ears of the deaf be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap like a deer,

And the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness

And streams in the desert;

The burning sand shall become a pool

And the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The ransomed of God shall return with singing,

With everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs,

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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. *Music*

Second Reading

A reading from the Gospel of **Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

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

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant and People:

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For People Facing Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen. (edited excerpt From: "A New Zealand Prayer Book.")

***Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are invited at this time **.*

Officiant: God of Love and mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Officiant and People

O God,
the well-spring of life,
pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,
that refreshed by you,
we may live this day in steadfast reliance on the strength you give; Through our
Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Concluding Sentence

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

Blessing

Your heart will heal
Your tears will dry.
Your season will change
Rest your soul knowing when you come out of the storm you will be stronger.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Giver of Life be with you now and
always. Amen