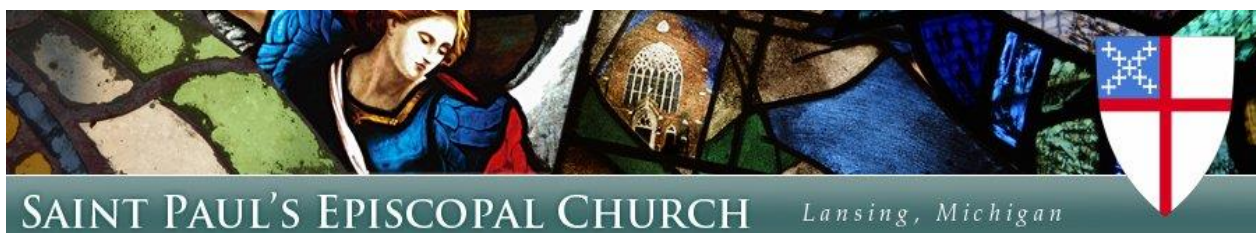


Morning Prayer Rite II
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 30, 2020

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SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

During the summer, we will be using a supplemental liturgical text entitled *Enriching Our Worship* for Morning Prayer. The Episcopal Church initiated the development of supplemental worship texts in response to the need to be more inclusive in language and scripture readings; and to reflect the diversity of the Church. Morning Prayer was the first such service to be provided in 1998. Changes included many new canticles (particularly those voices of women in the Hebrew Scriptures (such as the Song of Hannah); and the use of inclusive language (non-gender).

In creating the supplemental texts, the commission was guided by the following:

“All liturgical texts are rich in what they say about God but also what they say about ourselves in relationship with God. This is at the heart of any theological reflection upon the experience of liturgical prayer. Who does the text say God is, who does it say we are, and—most importantly—what does this mean for us? These questions form the basis upon which the community can explore how these prayers speak in the hearts, minds, and spirit of the community of faith.

The task for the Church is not merely to translate but to find the voice of prayer in the heart, spirit and mind of the people praying.

It is the hope that the whole Church will begin to have prayers which expand the breadth and depth of the Church's prayer life.”

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Saint Paul reminds us that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39). For the time being, we are physically separated from one another; yet, our community will continue to strive to be loving, joyous and inclusive. All you need to participate in this time of prayer is found in this bulletin.

PRELUDE

Be Still My Soul

Wayne Kerr

OPENING SENTENCE

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People say together

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.**

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

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

Then follows an Invitatory Psalm, the Officiant and People saying together

PSALM 67:1-5 *Deus miereatur*

Antiphon The Holy One is in our midst: **O come let us worship.**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,*
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God,*
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God,*
let all the peoples praise you.

Antiphon The Holy One is in our midst: **O come let us worship.**

Then follows the appointed Psalm. The People sit for the psalm.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,*
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name;*
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4 Search for the Lord and his strength;*
 continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done,*
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,*
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
23 Israel came into Egypt,*
 and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;*
 he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,*
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant,*
 and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalm is said by all

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

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you; when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

All stand. The following Canticle is said by all

A SONG OF WISDOM

Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b-21

**Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors*
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,*
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors,*
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day*
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea,*
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves***

**and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name,*
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute,*
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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A SONG OF FAITH

1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us*
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ,*
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory*
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Reader A reading from the gospel of Matthew

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them

deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

REFLECTION

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

The following is said by all

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

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People pray together

**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.

SUFFRAGES

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 COLLECTS

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God, you are our beginning and you will be our end; we are made in your image and likeness. We praise and thank you for this day. This is the day on which you created light and saw that it was good. This is the day in whose early morning light we discovered the tomb was empty, and encountered Christ, the world's true light. This the day you have made; we shall rejoice and be glad in it. **Amen.**

Jesus, you turned death into life, turned defeat into victory. Grant that with your help we may raise our expectations and achieve what is yet impossible; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to follow him. As he laid down his life in intercession for the world, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, saying: Lord, strengthen us.

For all people of faith who struggle to believe in the promise of life in a world of violence and death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For Michael our presiding bishop and Bonnie our bishop; for all churches who must bear witness to the possibility of taking up the cross and following Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those laying down their lives in faithful dedication to God's call, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are sick, especially those struggling with COVID-19; those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who work in service to ensure the health and safety of our lives; for those running for elected office that they may be persons of compassion and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are to die this week, and for their safe passage to the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who help us to follow Christ when it seems impossible to do so, let us pray in thanksgiving to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers by saying the following

Most high God, your ways are not our ways, yet your ways bear life. Hear the petitions of your people. Pour out on your world the faith to hear your call and the courage to answer it. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

**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.**

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

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

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between

preserving their health or making their rent

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Amen.

Author unknown



**We bless you and we praise you,
Lord Christ, for commanding us
to love one another. Let this mask
be a sign of your love, and let my
behavior be filled with love for
my neighbor. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER
August 30, 2020

We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, John & Grace Hawkins, Julie, Van Anderson, Marian Boulus, Nancy Rudd, Meadow Rawlins, Thomasina Canty, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Norma Lindholm, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Claudia Hamlin, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Rick Wendorf, Chris Krupka, Paul Doersam, Jason Thomas, Robert Madrigal, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, April Cruz, Karlene Bach, Sally Boron, Pam & John Irwin, Kate Johnson, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael Crouch, Terry Bryce, Sherry Sutton, Danielle Laurion, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Karen Clarke, Eric, Amy Crabtree, Judy Manson, Patricia McMartin, Doug Boor, Craig, Odie, Leonard, Sarah, Larry Gut, Delaine Counsellor, Ellie Doersam, Gail & Bill Kendall, Lynn Dayton, Herb Tanner and Stacey O'Toole.

We pray and remember those in the Military, and those who are serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, Zachariah Reeves, Zachary Bellinger, Conrad Laurion, Alex Van Koevering, Tyson Carter, Amy Peryea, Suzette Bauman, John Bellinger, Doug Laurion, Erika Harkness Wilson, and McKenzie Counsellor.

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members & family:
Jim & Barbara Clark, Larry, Larissa, & Emma Clark, Karen Clarke, and Deb Clawson.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Meals on Wheels, 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing 48911

We pray for our worshipping communities: St. John's, Royal Oak; St. Bartholomew, San Cristobal, DR; and James the Apostle, Angelina, DR.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the united Church of South India, and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala.

We pray for: Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; our worship ministers, and staff at St. Paul's.