



**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
**May 24, 2020 | 9:30<sub>A.M.</sub>**

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*Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home.*  
*We are glad to be praying with you today.*

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**Prelude**      *Won't Let Go My Faith*      J. Mark Harrison  
Sung by Village Harmony Camp Choir  
St. Benedict's Lodge, MacKenzie Bridge, Oregon      August 2017

*These are the days that will test our spirits, these are the days that will change our lives*  
*These are the days when we must be fearless. These are the days*

*These are the days of the low'ring darkness, these are the days when we must be strong*  
*These are the days we will reap the harvest, these are the days*

*I got to hold onto something; I got to hold onto something*  
*Sometimes, I gotta hold on, and I won't let go my faith*

*These are the days of the rolling thunder, these are the days of the rising seas*  
*These are the days filled with fear and wonder, these are the days.*

*These are the days we must join our voices, these are the days that we must be one.*  
*These are the days when we make our choices, these are the days.*

*I got to hold onto something; I got to hold onto something*  
*Sometimes, I gotta hold on, and I won't let go my faith.*  
*Hold on to the faith that makes me strong, I won't let go my faith!*

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**Opening Sentences**

Book of Common Prayer p. 77

*Officiant*      Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Officiant*      On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Invitatory and Psalter**

Book of Common Prayer p. 80

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant 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.**

**Christ our Passover**

Book of Common Prayer p. 83

*Officiant and People together:*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.  
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Please be seated. We will say the Psalm together, in unison.*

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

Book of Common Prayer p. 676

***Exsurgat Deus***

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
 when you marched through the wilderness,  
 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.  
 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.  
 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
 sing praises to the Lord.  
 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
 he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.  
 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
 his majesty is over Israel;  
 his strength is in the skies.  
 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
 Blessed be God!

## The Readings

*The people remain seated.*

## First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Canticle 8**    *The Song of Moses*    *Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

Book of Common Prayer p. 85

**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; \*  
Yahweh 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.

*Please be seated.*

**Second Reading**

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## Verse 1: Congregation

*Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,  
 For amber waves of grain,  
 For purple mountain majesties  
 Above the fruited plain!  
 America! America!  
 God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea.*

## Verse 2: Choir

*Oh, beautiful for heroes proved  
 In liberating strife  
 Who more than self their country loved,  
 And mercy more than life!  
 America! America!  
 God mend thine every flaw  
 Confirm thy soul in self-control  
 Thy liberty in law.*

## Verse 3: Congregation

*Oh, beautiful for patriot dream  
 That sees beyond the years  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
 Undimmed by human tears!  
 America! America!  
 God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood  
 From sea to shining sea!*

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*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Andrew Goldhor

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Apostles' Creed**

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**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*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

Facing the coronavirus, we pray  
for all who mourn their dead  
for the thousands who have contracted the virus  
for all who are quarantined  
for those who are stranded away from home  
for those who have lost their employment  
for those who fear the present and the future  
for children who cannot assemble for school  
for parents with needs for child care  
for physicians, nurses, and home health aides  
for hospitals and clinics  
for volunteers who are serving their communities  
for medical researchers  
for the World Health Organization  
for adequate and wise governmental policies.  
In your mercy, benevolent God: hear our prayer.

*The Officiant then says:*

*Collect of the Day*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow from the Parish Prayer List.*

*A Prayer for Heroic Service*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Collect for the Parish, Officiant and People together:***

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Leader*

Jesus, you were taught by John the Baptizer, learned through debates with colleagues, and found insight in the faith of people. We give thanks for our mentors, friends, and classmates who have sharpened our minds and expanded our hearts.

Jesus, you became a teacher. Not many are called to teach, but none of us could be where we are today without the love and attention of our teachers, professors, aides, tutors, and mentors. We ask for a double portion of their spirit, that in our turn, we may share all that is good with this world.

We give you special thanks for all who have formed us. (*Names may be offered.*)

God of knowledge and understanding, you gave to the student Elisha a double portion of his teacher's spirit: grant that all whose graduations we celebrate today may embody the best of their teachers' heart, mind, and body, building on their knowledge and understanding, and putting to right and compassionate use all that they have gained from their time in school; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Teacher. **Amen.**

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**Hymn**

*Alleluia Sing to Jesus, v. 1-3*

Blue Hymnal 460

<sup>1</sup>*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

<sup>2</sup>*Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,*

*faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?*

<sup>3</sup>*Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Officiant 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.**

**Hymn**

"A Gaelic Blessing"

Traditional Irish text, arr. B. Colley

Sung by Redeemer Atrium Singers, Celtic Sunday, October 2019

Kate Chadbourne, Celtic Harp

*May the road always rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until – we – meet – again ----- ,  
Go-d hold you in the hollow of His hand*

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*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* 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*

**Announcements**





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