

Morning Prayer Rite II July 5, 2020 | 9:30_{A.M.}

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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 Covid Spring: An American Prayer Composed and performed by Deborah Jacoby-Twigg

This is my own personal "pictures at an exhibition" that came to me as I processed the spring of 2020. Here's the map:

Ambulance sirens begin softly and increase in volume and intensity until they take over everything

The noble struggle of patients and healthcare workers, ending in death \rightarrow

Ploddingly, all of us trying to adjust and somehow climb "up" out of this >

America the Grieving (Beautiful)...

...interrupted by more ambulance sirens >

George Floyd's death (8 minutes and almost a 9th, extended as he passes from us) -

for 4 short beats of sirens fading to background, Americans process the video, then...

...pour into the streets and Black Lives Matter as expressed by the "Black National Anthem" (Lift Every Voice & Sing), louder in the foreground •

More noble struggle of more patients and healthcare workers, ending in still more death →

America The Beautiful resumes to remind us that brotherhood is our crowning good >

The yearning hope for such unity, expressed as the same ambulance sirens, transformed -

A thunderous, hard pounding, we-must-work-toward-this Amen.

("Amen" is an affirmation, like "Yes!" and a hope, as in "may it be so.")

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Welcome

Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. 2 O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming

3 Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be
And lowliness become my inner clothing.
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing

4 And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till Love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer p. 77

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. -Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer p. 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together
Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

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.

Venite Book of Common Prayer p. 82

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!

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

Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Book of Common Prayer p. 801

The Readings

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Book of Common Prayer p. 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies.

Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way 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.

Please be seated.

Second Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Anthem *The U.S. National Anthem*

Sung by Redeemer choir member Mary Ann Ziegler

State House of Massachusetts, March 9, 2015

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, *O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?* And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave *O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

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Francis Scott Key

Sermon The Rev. Andrew Goldhor

Please stand in body or spirit.

Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 96

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 Book of Common Prayer p. 97

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.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord; **People** And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

PeopleLet your people sing with joy.OfficiantGive peace, O Lord, in all the world;PeopleFor only in you can we live in safety.OfficiantLord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

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 Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says:

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*..

A Collect for the Pandemic

Written by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus. Heal those who are sick with the virus; may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Be present with those in authority who are making hard decisions. Support the medical professionals, emergency responders and our caregivers. In your name Jesus we pray. *Amen*.

A Prayer for Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

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.

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun (v. 1,3,5)*

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Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun (v. 1,3,5)



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The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer p. 101

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Book of Common Prayer p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

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

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. – *Romans* 15:13

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