**MORNING PRAYER for August 23rd, 2020 at 9 am: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Note: We invite you to light a candle on your table or home altar before worship begins.*

Pelude: “Lead me, Lord” words and music by Wayne & Elizabeth Goodine

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

The Invitatory & Psalter **BCP p. 81**

Lord, open our lips.

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

Invitatory Psalm ***Psalm 67:1-5*** *Deus misereatur* from *Enriching Our 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 earth.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; \***

 **let all the peoples praise you.**

Psalm Appointed ***Psalm 124*** *Nisi quia Dominus***BCP p. 781**

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*
**let Israel now say;**

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*
**when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*
**in their fierce anger toward us;**

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*
**and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \*
**have gone right over us.**

6 Blessed be the Lord! \*
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Sequence Hymn: “Put forth, O God, thy spirit’s might” Hymnal 521

 

Lessons & Canticles

### A reading from the 1st chapter of the Book of Exodus. (Exodus 1:8-2:10)

 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

Canticle 17: A Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*
    to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*
    whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*
    and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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 the 12th chapter of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. (Romans 12:1-8)

 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*Isaiah 55:6-11**BCP p. 86**

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*
    call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*
    and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*
    so are my ways higher than your ways,
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*
    and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*
    it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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 the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** (Matthew 16:13-20)

 When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*A reflection on the Scripture is offered by Pastor Adam Banks*

Sequence Hymn: “I want Jesus to Walk with Me” LEVAS II #70





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 **BCP p. 97-98**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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| **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.** |

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
 **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
Day by day we bless you;
 **We praise your name for ever.**Lord, keep us from all sin today;
 **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
 **For we put our trust in you.**
In you, Lord, is our hope;
 **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  ***Amen.***

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen*.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion (for times when we cannot celebrate Holy Eucharist together)

In union, Lord Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church --

in places where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

and in places (like our parish) where your people

now fast from the Holy Eucharist out of love for one another --

***we offer you praise and thanksgiving,***

***for the Creation and all the blessings of this life,***

***for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection,***

***for the means of grace and the hope of glory.***

On this day, O Lord, we offer particular gratitude for the blessings of our own lives ...

 ***[share your blessings, aloud or silently]***

We are members of your holy, glorious, and blessed Body, O Lord Christ.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,

and, since we cannot at this time receive communion,

we each entreat you with these words:

 ***I pray you, Lord, to come into my heart.***

***I unite myself with you and embrace you***

***with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.***

***Let nothing separate me from you;***

***let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,***

***I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.***

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength;

be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways;

conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness;

and, in the power of your gracious might,

rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom;

***who with God our Creator,***

***and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier,***

***lives and reigns,***

***one God,***

***in glory everlasting. Amen.***

And now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of our Triune God,

the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, *This is an appropriate time to*

be with us now and always. ***Amen.*** *make the sign of the cross.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Closing Hymn: “God is Love” Hymnal 577



Postlude: “Prelude II”- George Gershwin

*Thank you for your spiritual presence with us this morning!*

*Although we're physically apart, we are united in prayer, worship, and holy love!*

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Rick Incorvati

Guest Pastor: Adam Banks

Organist/Choirmaster: Dr. Chris Durrenberger

Guest Pianist: Kent Brooks

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