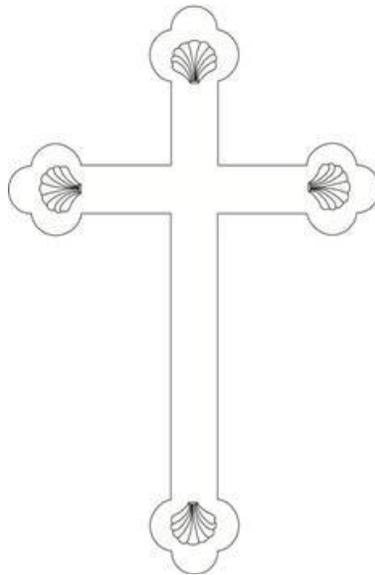


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Morning Prayer

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

## THE PRELUDE

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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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.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Lord, open our lips.

**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. Alleluia.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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## CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,

**Not with the 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.**

## PSALM 78: 1-7

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1 Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.

**4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works he has done.**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

**6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

7 So that they might put their trust in God,  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

**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.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

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Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

**For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

But over you the Lord will rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.

**Nations will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

Your gates will always be open;  
by day or night they will never be shut.

**They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

**You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise.**

The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

**The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.**

**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 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SONG OF THE REDEEMED

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O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,  
surpassing human understanding.

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,  
O King of all the ages.**

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name?  
for you only are the Holy One.

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you,  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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.**

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown

## THE 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

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

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Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

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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.**

## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

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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.**

## THE INTERCESSIONS

Gracious God, we pray for our parish family. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially those on our Parish Prayer List: Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Bill, Michael, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Sue, Ben, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne, William. Nina, Jerry, Gretchen, Xavier, RC, Jack, Charlie, Zack, Julia. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo, Tim. Caryle, Roy.

Give to all the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Iris Fresquez, Anna Mae Patterson, Marcia Oliver, Jean Richards, Steven Reeder, Elvira & Jesse Martinez.

Please include your own prayers now, either silently or aloud.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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**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

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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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*To read this week's announcements, please consult your St. James Email Newsletter.  
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## THE CLOSING SENTENCE

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## THE POSTLUDE