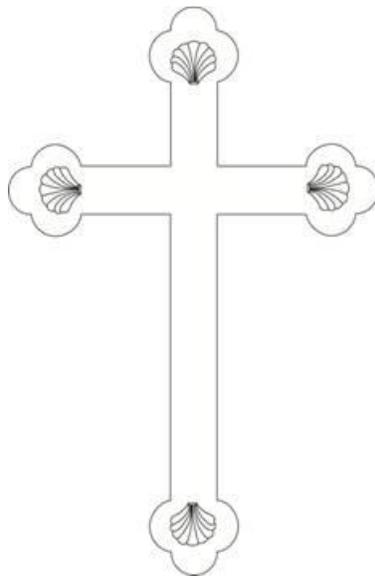


St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico
Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Morning Prayer

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

THE PRELUDE

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

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.

JUBILATE *Read responsively by whole verse.*

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

PSALM 124

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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.**

**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

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.

A SONG OF PRAISE

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GLORY TO GOD

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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.**

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 FOR THE DAY

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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 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 GRACE

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

p. 100

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.**

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, Cynthia Anne, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean, Ben, Alexandria, Elaine. Susie, Charlie, Kristi, Bob, Claire, Bette, Wendy, Curt. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Geilan, Chuck, Santiago, Cynthia, Trevor, Alex, Crystal. Caryle, Sheila, Roy, Susanne.

Give to all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially: Cynthia Anne Ruth, Lorry Waugh, Dylan Beheler-Romero, Jim & Gwen Glenn, Roy & Barbara Blackbird, Betty & Don Simanton.

Please include your own prayers and petitions 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

THE CLOSING SENTENCE

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

THE POSTLUDE – BENEDICTION

God Be With You

God be with you til we meet again.
By His counsels guide, uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.