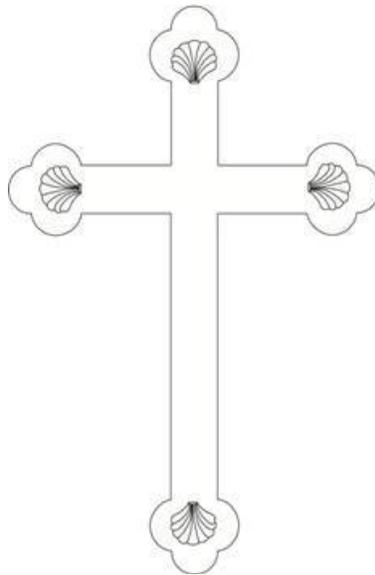


# St. James Episcopal Church

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



Morning Prayer

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 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.

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 114

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1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.

**4 The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**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 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

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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, Alexandra, Elaine. Wendy, Mike Quartermaine, Harvey G. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo. Caryle, Roy, Susanne, Liz, the Stinson family, the Bowling family.

Give to Myriah Stinson, Watt Harding Bowling, and all the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially: Bob Draper, Pam Busick, June & Kay Fancher, Phyllis & Richard Nichols.

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 ORGAN 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.