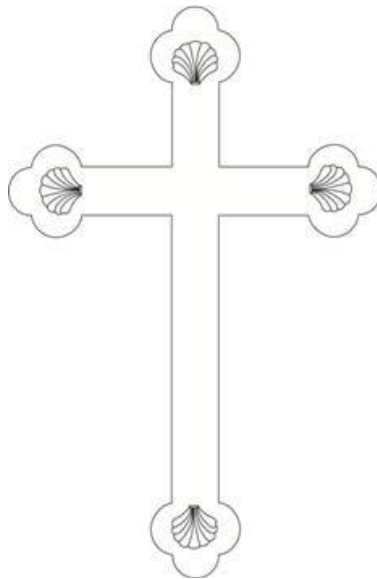


# St. James Episcopal Church

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



Morning Prayer

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

## THE PRELUDE

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

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The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

## 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.

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 78:1-4, 12-16

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.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**13 He split open the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day,  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff,  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

**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

Exodus 17:1-17

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

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Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.

**And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SONG OF MARY

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**from this day all generations will call me blessed:**

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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

p. 97

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

p. 97

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

p. 234

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 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

p. 100

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, Cynthia Anne, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean, Ben, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne. Wendy, Mike Quartermaine, Harvey G., Watt, Shirley, Derek, Amanda. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo. Caryle, Roy.

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

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Tony Palma, Wanda Lucero, , Cheryl Demal, Angelina Burns, Monica & Ray Corral.

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

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 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.