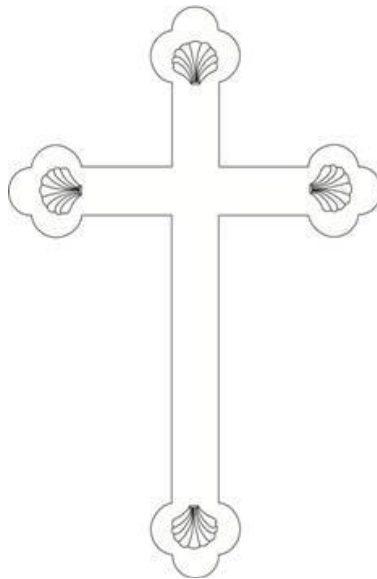


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Morning Prayer

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

THE PRELUDE

Cantabile

Cesar Frank

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

p. 80

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 19

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1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of  
his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## A SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

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 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SONG OF SIMEON

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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.**

## 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. 98

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

p. 234

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

p. 98

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

p. 100

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, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne. Wendy, Watt, Shirley, Derek, Amanda. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo. Caryle, Roy.

Give to Mary S. Boardman and all the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Hal Lundrum, Rosemary Cain, Marilyn Farrow, Jesse Martinez, Newell Boughton.

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

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

p. 101

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.