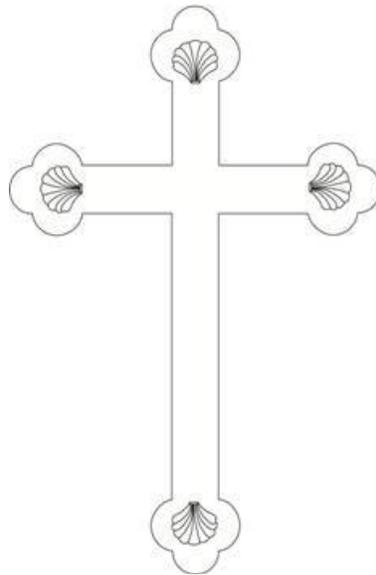


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer  
July 12, 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 119: 105-112

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105 Your word is a lantern to my feet  
and a light upon my path.

**106 I have sworn and am determined  
keep your righteous judgments.**

107 I am deeply troubled;  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

**108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,  
and teach me your judgments.**

109 My life is always in my hand,  
yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have set a trap for me,  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes  
for ever and to the end.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 8: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

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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.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

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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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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, Betty, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean. Pam, Lynn, Dolly, Sandra, Marjorie, Elaine, Suzanne, Curt, A.G, Tom. All Firefighters, Police, the Military and those in harm's way, Joy, Andrew, Mark, Geilan, Chuck, Santiago. Caryle, Marilyn, Betty, Craig, the Nesbit and Chacon families, Patty.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially: Ilse Mayer, Fr. Mac Brown, Cissy McCrary, Terry & Don Pennington.

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