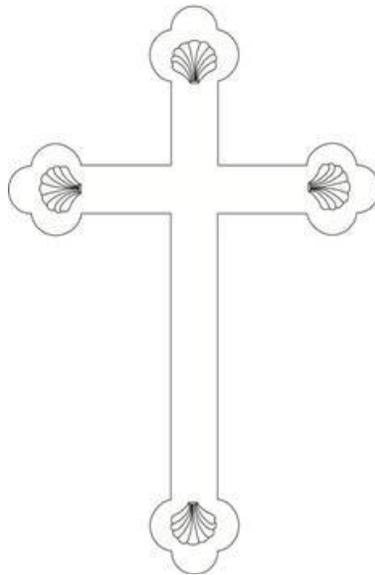


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer  
July 19, 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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Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## PSALM 139: 1-11, 22-23

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1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me

and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;

darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me

and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Glory be 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 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE THIRD 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.**

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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.

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. 230

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 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, Betty, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean, Ben. Lynn, Dolly, Sandra, Suzanne, Curt, A.G, Tom, Susanne, Susan, Elaine, Susie, Charlie, Kristi, All those in harm's way, Joy, Andrew, Mark, Geilan, Chuck, Santiago, Cynthia, Trevor, Alex, Crystal, Caryle, Craig, the Nesbit and Chacon families, Patty, Eric, Rhonda, Bob, Sue, Lisa, Stacy, the Patterson family.

Give to Wes Patterson, Bill Reed and all the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially:  
Gary Parmelee, Phyllis & Jack Nottingham.

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.