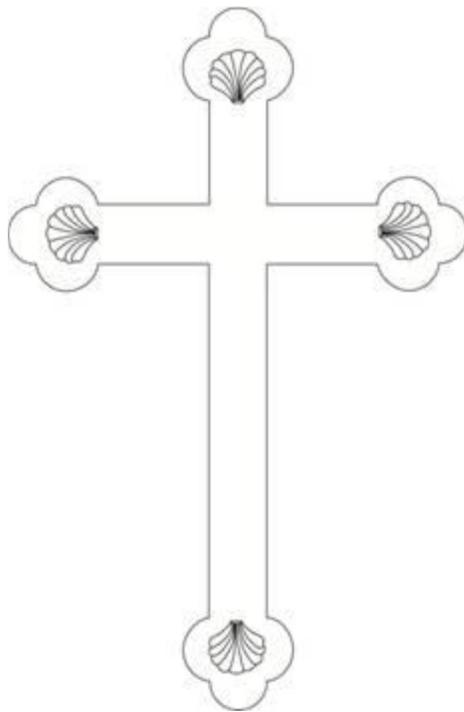


St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Morning Prayer

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

THE PRELUDE

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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.

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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 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

**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

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 13

A SONG OF PRAISE

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 20

GLORY TO GOD

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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

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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

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 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, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Sue, Ben, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne, William. Jerry, Gretchen, Xavier, RC, Jack, Charlie, Zack, Julia. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Raymundo, Tim. Caryle, Roy.

Give to all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: Dylan Cline, Josiah Duke, Jerry Pacheco, Mike Flood, Pam Tyler, Kelly & Paul Richard.

Please include your own prayers 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

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THE CLOSING SENTENCE

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May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE POSTLUDE