

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Proper 9A Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer Rite II July 9, 2023

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**"Uncommon Prayer"**

Worship Leader: Kitty Underwood

Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Opening Hymn: "Love Lifted Me"

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

# The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* 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!

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

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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!**

*At the end of the psalm is said:*

**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 Lessons**

**First Reading** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Insert

First Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 - 95

**Second Reading** Romans 7:15-25a

Insert

Second Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 – 95

**Third Lesson** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Insert

Shared reflections & discussion

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

## Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
- V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*The Collect of the Day:*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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*

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*

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 Collect for Grace*

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 Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### *A Collect for Mission*

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.*

*Please see bulletin cover for prayer lists.*

We pray for those listed on our Anglican and diocesan cycles of Prayer...

We pray for all who are sick and especially those on our prayer lists...

We pray for those who are unable to be in church...

We pray for those serving in the military...

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *The people may add their own petitions.*

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

*Prayers are found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer*

## **The Offertory**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*



Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. And of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chr. 29:14)

**The General Thanksgiving**

**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**

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.**

Closing Hymn    Leaning on the Everlasting Arms                      LEVAS- 196

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Final                      Blessing Congregation                      Sung

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.

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His Wings protecting hide you.  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Amen**

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**Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67**

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’”

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’”

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of

my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

### **Psalm 45: 11-18**

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."

- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;  
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after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and  
ever."

### **Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

# Prayer List

July 9th, 2023

Jan Abdenour-Heart  
Trouble

Chris Beck-Lymphoma  
Kyle Bishop - grandson  
of Dave Bishop-for  
healing

Rev Barb Cavin  
Collum Family-Loss of  
Wade

Robin Daugherty-  
Prayers for healing

Jonah Debusk-Heart  
murmur

Blake Ellen-from Wes  
Wagester; Successful  
heart surgery! Thank  
you!

Judy Gray - for  
successful treatment of  
skin cancer.

Mary Halfpenny - dear  
friend of the Miller's -  
cancer.

Neil Hargrave-Rehab  
following surgery

Dave Johnson- Health  
Issues

Barbara Kamyo-friend  
of Dianne Bishop-  
Stroke

Diane Kozlowski-Wife  
of Michael, prayers for  
of peace and courage

Chris Landis-Nephew of  
John & Yvonne-Cancer

Chuck Leonard-Brother  
of Sherry Petrie, for  
heart problems

Joe Lendway-Friend of  
Sherry Wagner,  
recurring cancer

Kathy Navarro - sister of  
Eleana Fettig - for  
peace & healing.

Sharon Nagy-Friend of  
Dianne Bishop:  
Recovery from Stomach  
Aneurism.

Oliver-3 yr old friend of  
Jim & Corrine.

Recovering from an  
accident

Kathy Shipp-for healing  
from cancer. Sherry  
Boyden's sister

Kari Stark - stepsister of  
Kitty Underwood -  
Comfort for MS.

Laurie Verbeke-friends  
with the Petries-Cancer

Wes & Kathy Wagester-  
quick recovery

James Walker-PTSD  
from 2 tours in Iraq

Melanie White-Liver  
transplant

Our home parishioners:

Eleana Fettig, Jim &  
Corinne Fry, Harvey  
Taylor, Evelyn Sunich,  
Dave & Darlene  
Herndon, Richard &  
Kathleen Buszek, Al  
Sievers & Linda Neros.

Those in Service to our  
country: Dylan  
Anderson, John  
Hodgeman, John  
McNary, Jacquelyn  
Folcarelli, Michael  
Folcarelli, Jared  
Killingbeck, their  
families, and all military  
chaplains.

Diocesan Cycle of  
Prayer

Hope - St. John's - Pete  
Mapes, Sr. Warden  
St. James, Pentwater -  
Sam Morrison, Rector

Anglican Cycle of  
Prayer

The Anglican Church  
of Burundi