

# St. John's Episcopal Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

Morning Prayer Rite II ✽ July 24, 2022

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## “Uncommon Prayer”

Worship Leader: Becky Foster

Opening Hymn

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

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.**

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.*

Venite

BCP 82

Psalm

Insert

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**The Lessons**

1st Lesson	Insert
Canticle	BCP 85-95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Insert
Canticle	BCP 85-95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lesson	Insert

Reflection/Discussion

Apostles Creed	BCP 96
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**The Prayers**

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 97
Suffrages A or B	BCP 97/98

**Collect of the Day:**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Other Collects:                      BCP 99-101, 814-841

Reading from *A Great Cloud of Witnesses* w/ brief discussion

Open forum for sharing of blessings & prayer requests

Healing Prayers (if requested)

BCP 458-461

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

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

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

Blessing & Closing Scripture BCP 102

Closing Hymn

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Liturgical note – In contemporary Anglicanism, altar servers are generally known as **Acolytes**. Acolytes include torchbearers, lighters of candles, crucifers, thurifers, and banner-bearers. Acolytes are mentioned as a minor order (along with porters, lectors, and exorcists) as early as a letter of Pope Cornelius to Fabius of Antioch in 252. They were also mentioned in Cyprian’s writings. They assisted deacons or subdeacons at the preparation of the table. Later they carried candles in processions. In Rome they carried fragments of the bread consecrated at the papal Mass to other churches. In the late middle ages, when candles began to appear upon altars, they lighted the altar candles. Eventually lay servers or sacristans performed duties earlier associated with acolytes, and the order of acolyte was normally conferred upon a candidate for priesthood in the course of his training. The minor orders were not perpetuated in Anglicanism. Some of the duties earlier performed by persons in the minor order of acolyte were taken over by lay clerks. In the later nineteenth century the clerks were suppressed and their duties were largely taken over by lay “acolytes” and sacristans or altar guilds.

