

St. John's Episcopal Church
Proper 15B Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer Rite II † August 18, 2024

“Uncommon Prayer”

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Opening Hymn: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing H-143

BCP #75

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” *Psalm 122:1*

BCP #79

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.**

BCP #80

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!

BCP #80

Venite (sung) *Psalm 95:1-7* H S-35

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 111

Insert

At the end of the psalm is said:

BCP #80

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.

BCP #84

The Lessons

A Reading from: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

BCP #86

The First Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure
defense, * and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with
rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One
of 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.

A Reading from: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Book of Common Prayer

Pages 85-95

the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my
flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How
can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to
them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal
life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is
true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as
the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father,
so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the
bread that came down from heaven, not like that which
your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this
bread will live forever.”

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
 in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
 *
 all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
 he commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
 *
 those who act accordingly have a good
 understanding;
 his praise endures for ever.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and

Third Lesson

A Reading from: John 6:51-58

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Reader: Here ends the reading.

Shared reflections & discussion:

Becky Foster

BCP #96

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.

BCP #97
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.

discern between good and evil; for who can govern this
your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God
said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have
not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life
of your enemies, but have asked for yourself
understanding to discern what is right, I now do
according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and
discerning mind; no one like you has been before you
and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you
also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all
your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you
will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my
commandments, as your father David walked, then I
will lengthen your life.”

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole
heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the
congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;

*

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

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1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to

- 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:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. *Amen.*

BCP #98

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

in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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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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.

BCP #102

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: When Morning Gilds the Skies H427

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace

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 Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading From "A Cloud of Witnesses"

BCP#360

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

BCP #376

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offering and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

Offertory: Be Thou My Vision H-488

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)

BCP #101

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