

**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 9, 2020 8:30 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
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**Current Diocesan and Alabama Public Health Guidelines for in-person worship**

- **Masks must be worn for everyone sitting outside their vehicles where a minimum distance of 6 ft. social distancing cannot be maintained.**
- **Please refrain from singing if you are sitting outside your vehicles.**

## DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

### Opening Hymn

*O worship the King, all glorious above*

H 388

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

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

### The Confession of Sin

BCP 79

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.

### The Absolution

BCP 80

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

BCP 81

Officiant     The mercy of the Lord is everlasting  
People        *Come let us adore him*

### Jubilate

Psalm 100

BCP 82

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.

Officiant     The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.  
People        *Come let us adore him*

**The Psalm** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b *Confitemini Domino*     BCP 738

*Lay Reader*

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;\*  
    make known his deeds among the peoples.  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
    and speak of all his marvelous works.  
<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
    let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
<sup>4</sup> Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
    continually seek his face.  
<sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
    his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
    O children of Jacob his chosen.  
<sup>16</sup> Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
    and destroyed the supply of bread.  
<sup>17</sup> He sent a man before them, \*  
    Joseph, who was sold as a slave.  
<sup>18</sup> They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
    his neck they put in an iron collar.  
<sup>19</sup> Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
    the word of the LORD tested him.  
<sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him; \*  
    the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
<sup>21</sup> He set him as a master over his household, \*  
    as a ruler over all his possessions,  
<sup>22</sup> To instruct his princes according to his will \*  
    and to teach his elders wisdom.  
<sup>45</sup> Hallelujah!

**A Reading from Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

*Lay Reader*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Surge, Illuminare*

BCP 87

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

*Officiant and People*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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 Second Reading Romans 10:5-15**

*Lay Reader*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*    *Luke 1: 68-79*            BCP 94

*Officiant and People*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

**Sequence Hymn**      *God, my King, thy might confessing*      H 414

God, my king, thy might confessing,  
ever will I bless thy name;  
day by day thy throne addressing,  
still will I thy praise proclaim.

**A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord

*People      Thanks be to God*

**The Sermon**      The Reverend Linda Suzanne C. Borgen

**The Peace**      BCP 360

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**      BCP 376

*Officiant*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*(Offerings may be placed in the alms basin at the altar following our worship, mailed or given to the church office, or given securely online at [www.stthomasgreenville.org](http://www.stthomasgreenville.org))*

**Doxology**      H 380, v 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, you heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

*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 Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

*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.

## The Suffrages

BCP 97

- 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.*

## The Collects

Grant to us, Lord, we pray the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### For Peace

BCP 258

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### For Social Justice

BCP 260

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### A Prayer for our Country

BCP 820

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with a spirit of wisdom, in your Name, those to whom we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*Intercessor*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For the world, the nation, our state and our community; praying especially for our President, Donald Trump; our Governor, Kay Ivey and our Mayor, Dexter McLendon.

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Russell our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Officiant

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Officiant and People*

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

BCP 102

*Officiant and People*

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.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia

## The Closing Sentence

BCP 102

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Blessing

Officiant blesses the congregation saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of  
God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn**     *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*     H 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng,  
Psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

**Dismissal**

Officiant     Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*     *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.*