

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 14

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Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. A "designated responder" will lead many of the responses of the people. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. After your prayer is completed, mute yourself again.

Prelude: Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Opening Hymn: In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

3
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Hymnal 1982 529
Words: John Oxenham, (1852-1941), alt.
Music (McKEE, CM): Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Opening Sentence

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. —*John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

EOW 19

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

EOW 20

Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people's responses

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:

People O come let us worship.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

St. Helena Breviary

Said in unison with the Officiant leading

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:

People O come let us worship.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 85:8-13

The Psalm is read in unison.

- 8 I will listen to what you are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- 9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

The Lessons

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

Canticle: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

St. Helena Breviary

Said responsively by half verse with the designated responder leading after the asterisk ()*

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God;
my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior,*
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed; *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.

You, O God, have shown strength with your arm, *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham, Sarah and their children forever.
Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, *
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

1 Oh, the love of my Lord is the es - sence _____
 2 Ev - ery day, ev - ery hour, ev - ery mo - ment _____
 3 There've been times when I've turned from his pres - ence, _____

— of _____ all that I love here on earth. _____
 — has been blessed by the strength of his love. _____
 — and I've walked o - ther paths, o - ther ways. _____

— All the beau - ty I see he has
 — At the turn of each tide he is
 — But I've called on his name in the

giv - en to me and his giv - ing is
 there at my side, and his touch is as
 dark of my shame, and his mer - cy was

gen - tle as si - lence _____
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Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Deacon: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus 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. 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.”

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People Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Lee Alison Crawford

The Apostles' Creed

EOW 41

Officiant and People together with Officiant leading

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship 42

The prayers are said responsively with the responses led by the designated responder

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

The Officiant and People say the Collect of the Day together

Grant to us, O God, 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant continues with the Collects. People may join in at home. The designated responder leads the "Amens"

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.*

Collect for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts and our nation; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, the Sovereign 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 Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect of Dedication

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

A designated Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember Trinity Church in Shelburne. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda.

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers: Lynn Staffier, Ginny Eklund, Dan, Hawley and Sandy Jones, Cathy Helfrich O'Neil, Gene Tangney, Karen Geiger, Julie Osgood, Bill Pearson, Joyce Ordway, Betty Wells, and Joanna Green.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn: today we remember and pray for the near 703,000 people world-wide who have died from the coronavirus, also remembering the almost 160,000 deaths in the United States alone, for their families and loved ones. We pray for an end to the pandemic and a vaccine to be discovered.

The Officiant then says

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

(During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to voice your thanksgiving or intercession, and mute yourself again at the end of your petition.)

The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Mission

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -
 2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain
 "And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant and People say together

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.*

Community Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Concluding Sentence

The Officiant says

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

SURPRISE POSTLUDE

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Year A

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. In today’s liturgy, water is a major symbol. The Gospel reading from Matthew is the account of Peter’s attempt to join Christ in walking on the Sea of Galilee. As Peter’s faith fails and he begins to sink below the waters, he cries to the Lord for help and Jesus rescues him.

The Old Testament reading is the story of Elijah’s meeting with God in the eloquent silence that drowns out all other sounds. This famous story underlines the unexpectedness of our encounters with God. Like Peter, and Elijah, we need to be on our guard – God is about where we least expect it!

We also continue to read the Epistle to the Romans. In this part of Romans, Paul is dealing with his sorrow that many of his fellow Jews have not accepted Jesus as Christ but he does not believe that God has rejected them. All who turn to God in faith belong to God and there is no distinction, for all are one in Christ who have called on the name of the Lord.

Water in the scriptures is not only a symbol of life, but also a symbol of death. As Israel passed from death into new life at the Red Sea, so we gather as a community that has passed with Jesus from death into resurrection in the waters of baptism.

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Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lee Alison Crawford
Lectors: Peggy Bonesteel, Carl Potter
Deacon: The Rev. Dn. Dave Ganter
Psalm Leader & Intercessor: Frances Huessy
Designated Responder on Behalf of the People: Patty Hanson
Zoom Facilitator: Barbara Cook
Music Leader: Kim Hardy

IN OUR PRAYERS

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Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop MacVean-Brown offers Morning Prayer and Compline daily online at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please see this webpage for more information:

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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
*Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon
Lee Alison Crawford*
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 10

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, August 13

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, August 14

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Sunday, August 16

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Morning Prayer
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:30 Stewardship Meeting

Monday, August 17

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, August 19

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, August 20

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, August 21

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James