



# Morning Prayer

**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 27th, 2024  
Worship Leaders: John and Pam Adamson  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Bethlehem

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*Please silence your phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Welcome & Announcements – Brother Matthew Luke, Sr. Warden**

**Gathering Music – John Adamson**

## **Opening Sentences**

*Worship Leader* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
(Psalm 119:24)

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

## Confession of Sin

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Worship Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** 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.

*Worship Leader* 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

*Worship Leader* Lord, open our lips.

**People** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**All** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
**Alleluia.**

## The Invitatory Psalm - Psalm 95:1-7 *Venite*

*Led by the Worship Leader; the people read the bolded lines.*

*Worship Leader* The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**People** Come let us adore him.

*Worship Leader* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**People**      **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!

## **The Lessons**

### **First Lesson**

*Please be seated.*

*Lector*      A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (*Jeremiah 31:7-9*)

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm of the Day** (*Psalm 126*)

*Read responsively by whole verse; the people read the bolded lines.*

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*

then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***

**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, \*

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**4 The Lord has done great things for us, \***

**and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*

like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears \***

**will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **Hymn**

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we  
 2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er -  
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with  
 4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the

pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our  
 cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -  
 your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,  
 glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing

thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.  
 port the weak-er show - ing love with head and heart;  
 hope and bold-ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;  
 chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -  
 give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -  
 shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -  
 May our lives re - flect your splend-our, in a -

pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our  
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in  
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -  
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and

strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.  
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.  
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.  
 our be - friend-er, give new mean - ing to our task.

## **Second Lesson** *Please be seated.*

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (*Hebrews 7:23-28*)

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*Worship Leader* The Holy Gospel according to Mark (*Mark 10:17-31*)

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Worship Leader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Meditation**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



## The Apostle's Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

**All** 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

*Worship Leader* God be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Worship Leader* Let us pray.

**All** 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

*Worship Leader* Help us, O God our Savior;

**All** Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

*Worship Leader* Look upon your congregation;

**All** Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
*Worship Leader* Declare your glory among the nations;  
**All** And your wonders among all peoples.  
*Worship Leader* Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
**All** Never forget the lives of your poor.  
*Worship Leader* Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
**All** And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
*Worship Leader* Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
**All** So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

### **The Serenity Prayer**

**God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **For the Victims of Addiction**

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

### **Collect for an Election**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor and people pray responsively, the people read the bolded lines.*

Let us cry out to God through our great high priest, Jesus the Son of David, saying: Hear us and help us, O Holy One.

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect and Kevin our Bishop, that we may experience Christ's call and move from darkness into greater light in our lives.

**Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For this Parish Family, that we who have received mercy and healing from Jesus, may lovingly extend the same to others. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are searching for God, that their eyes and hearts may be opened to the many signs of God's love for them. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For this nation as we approach election day, that we may listen less to harsh rhetoric and more to God's call to walk in the Way of Love. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For greater respect for God's work of creation, that we may always be mindful that all the earth is God's gift to us and that we are responsible for its care. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For all who are blinded by fear and prejudice, for those who sit on the side while life passes by, and those in need of our prayers, remembering especially...*A pause so the People can add names...*that they may come to Jesus and be healed. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For those who have died...*A pause so the People can add names...*that they may rejoice with songs of joy in God's eternal presence. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

For whom and what else should we pray?  
*[The people add their own petitions silently or aloud.]*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of God, Simon & Jude the Apostles, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Worship Leader:* God of compassion, hear the prayers we offer this day and restore our vision that we may see and embrace the faith that makes us well, and follow Christ on the way that leads to eternal life, who with you and the Holy Spirit are One God, living and true. **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**All** 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

*All* 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.

*Worship Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Worship Leader* 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.**

### Music for Reflection

*Please remain seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Day	Upcoming Worship	Celebrant / Worship Leader
November 3 10:00am	12 Step Holy Eucharist	Fr. Jonathan Mayo
November 10 10:00am	Morning Prayer	Brother Matthew Luke
November 17 10:00am	Holy Eucharist	Fr. Jonathan Mayo
November 24 10:00am	Morning Prayer	David K. Moyer

- **Vestry meets next November 10<sup>th</sup> following Worship; All are welcome to attend.**
- **Today, October 27: What Haunts You?** We will meet for Part 2 of this forum led by Hillie and Joe. All are welcome – you do not need to have attended Part 1.
- **November 3:** Daylight saving time will end for 2024 at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. Turn your clocks back one hour - "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### Today's Service

**Worship Leaders:** John and Pam Adamson  
**Organist & Music Director:** John Adamson  
**Altar Guild:** Brother Matthew Luke  
**Greeters:** David Lyons & Kathy Young  
**Gospel Reading:** Pam/John Adamson

**First Lesson:** David Lyons  
**Psalm:** Gloria Power  
**Second Lesson:** Hillie Cousart  
**Meditation Reader:** Lori Molloy  
**Intercessor:** David K. Moyer

**Bulletin Notes:**

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