

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



James Tissot (French, 1836-1902) *The Mess of Pottage*, c. 1896-1902, gouache on board.  
The Jewish Museum, New York, NY.

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**  
**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



*To Know Christ and to make Christ known...*  
*St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor*  
*through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry*

# Morning Prayer

## Prelude

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

## Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

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.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## Invitatory S 41 Jubilate

*Antiphons are sung with this setting.*



1. Be joy - ful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness



and come before his pres - ence with a song. [Ant.] 2. Know this:



The Lord him - self is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;



we are his people and the sheep of his pas - ture. [Ant.] 3. En - ter his gates



with thanksgiving; go in - to his courts with praise; give thanks to him

and call up - on his Name. [Ant.] 4. For the Lord is good; his mercy is

ev - er - last - ing; and his faithfulness en - dures from age to age. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

As it was in the begin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

Plainsong, Tone 4; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

## Psalm 119:105-112

- <sup>105</sup>Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.
- <sup>106</sup>I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.
- <sup>107</sup>I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
- <sup>108</sup>Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.
- <sup>109</sup>My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.
- <sup>110</sup>The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- <sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- <sup>112</sup>I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

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 Lessons

*Lector: Chip Carter*

## A Reading from the Book of Genesis (25:19-34)

### Canticle 7: *Te Deum laudamus*

- 1 We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
- 2 To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
- 3 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
- 4 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
- 5 The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
- 6 the Father, of an infinite majesty,  
thine adorable, true, and only Son,  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
- 7 Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
- 8 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
- 9 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 10 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
- 11 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
- 12 Make them to be numbered with thy saints,  
in glory everlasting

Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. and acc. Alastair Cassels-Brown (1927-2001)

## **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:1-11)**

### **Canticle 13: A Song of Praise**

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
    you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
    on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
    in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
    we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (13:1-9, 18-23)**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Ray Hanna

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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 Prayers

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### Suffrages

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 on 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**

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Second Collect**

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.*

## **Third Collect**

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.*

## **Prayer for the Election of St. Paul's next Rector**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Prayer for Guidance**

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# Office Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878); alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846–1926)



## The Prayers of the People (Intercession and Thanksgiving, First Form)

(Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa)

*Periods of silence may be kept.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our own bishop, Ray our interim rector, Adam our assistant rector, and Richard our priest associate;

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

***that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.***

Breathe fresh life into your people.

***Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.***

We pray for the world:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

***That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.***

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

***Teach us to care creatively for its resources.***

We pray for the community:

*(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.)*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, especially Donald, our President and Roy, our Governor

***that all may act with integrity and courage.***

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

***May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.***

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Jon, Judy, John, Elaine, David, Jere, William, Diane, and those friends of the Parish on our prayer list.

***May they know the power of your healing love.***

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

***Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.***

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

*Father, into your hands we commend them.*

Give comfort to those who mourn.

*Bring them peace in their time of loss.*

Let us name the losses we have suffered during this pandemic and those things we long for in our lives.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*May their example inspire and encourage us.*

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*Grant that we may walk in your presence:*

*your love in our hearts,*

*your truth in our minds,*

*your strength in our wills;*

*until, at the end of our journey,*

*we know the joy of our homecoming*

*and the welcome of your embrace,*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## **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 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**

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.*

