

St. John's Episcopal Church
Proper 24A 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer Rite II October 22nd, 2023

“Uncommon Prayer”

Worship Leader: Kitty Underwood Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Opening Hymn: “Praise to the Living God” H-372

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

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.**

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!

Venite *Psalms 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: **Psalm 99** Insert

At the end of the psalm is said:

**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

First Reading **Exodus 33:12-23** Insert

First Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 - 95

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Insert

Second Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 - 95

Third Lesson **Matthew 22:15-22** Insert

Shared reflections & discussion

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.

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.**
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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

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, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Peace 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

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” LEVAS-72

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)

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: “How Great Thou Art” LEVAS 60

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

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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Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have

passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters
beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind of persons
we proved to be among you for your sake. And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite
of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth
from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in
every place your faith in God has become known, so

that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Prayer List

Oct 22nd, 2023

Chris Beck-Lymphoma
Kyle Bishop - grandson
of Dave Bishop-for
healing

Rev Barb Cavin

Dave Fisher-Friend of
Wes Wagester; Internal
bleeding

Mary Halfpenny - dear
friend of the Miller's -
cancer.

Phil Hopkins-Healing

Dan Huffman-Kitty's
cousin, for closed head
injuries

Connie Jones-A closer
walk with God

Barbara Kamyo-friend
of Dianne Bishop-
Stroke

McKenzie & Evan

Knill-Moving

Chris Landis-Nephew of
John & Yvonne-Cancer

Chuck Leonard-Brother
of Sherry Petrie, for
heart problems

Joe Lendway-Friend of
Sherry Wagner,
recurring cancer

Joyce Moss-Healing

Oliver-3 yr old friend of
Jim & Corrine.
Recovering from an
accident

Carol Schroeder-Friend
of Sherry Petrie, for
health issues.

Kathy Shipp- for healing
from cancer. Sherry
Boyden's sister

Kari Stark - stepsister of
Kitty Underwood -
Comfort for MS.

Laurie Verbeke-friends
with the Petries-
Successful Stem Cell
Transplant

Matt Winsberg-Friend
of Wes Wagester-
Diabetic Foot Pain

Our home parishioners:
Eleana Fettig, Jim &
Corinne Fry, Harvey
Taylor, Evelyn Sunich,
Dave & Darlene
Herndon, Richard &
Kathleen Buszek, Al
Sievers & Linda Neros.

Those in Service to our
country:
Anderson, John
Hodgeman, John
McNary, Jacquelyn
Folcarelli, Michael
Folcarelli, Jared
Killingbeck, their
families, and all
military chaplains.

Diocesan Cycle of
Prayer For the
Diocesan Conventions
St. Mark's, Grand

Rapids – David Blank,
Interim Priest
St. Augustine's, Benton
Harbor – Bruce
Banghart, Sr. Warden

Anglican Cycle of
Prayer- The Anglican
Church of Korea



Halloween Coming Fast!

On the last Tuesday in
October, youngsters in the
area let their imaginations
explore many SCARY
possibilities for costumes.
Please join us as we
distribute candy in front of
St. John's. Dress warm,
bring an umbrella (maybe a
snowsuit?). It's always fun
to see the little ghouls and
goblins stopping by. The
fun begins around sunset
(6:30). See you there.