

St. John's Episcopal Church
Proper 28A 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer Rite II November 19, 2023

“Uncommon Prayer”

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Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Opening Hymn: “O God Our Help in Ages Past” H-680

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*

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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 123** **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 **Judges 4:1-7** **Insert**

First Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 - 95

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** **Insert**

Second Canticle (spoken) BCP pgs. 85 - 95

Third Lesson **Matthew 25:14-30** **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:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" H-490

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: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” H-561

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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Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their
masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of
contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord

Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Prayer List

Nov 19, 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
- 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

**Diocesan Cycle of
Prayer** St. John's,
Dryden - Becky Foster,
Sr. Warden
Emmanuel, Hastings -
Georgette Schirmer,
Sr. Warden

**Anglican Cycle of
Prayer** The Church of

the Province of
Myanmar (Burma)

**Our home
parishioners:** Eleana
Fettig, Harvey Taylor,
Evelyn Sunich, Dave
& Darlene Herndon,
Richard & Kathleen
Buszek, 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.