



**VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)**

*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.*

**ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)**

*Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.*

**INVITATORY (BCP p. 82)**

*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 126 (BCP p. 782)**

*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.*

*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: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 91)

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary    Luke 1:46-55

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

*The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

*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.*

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## **SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 94)**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed        *Revelation 15:3-4*

*O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.*

*Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.*

*Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.*

*All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.*

*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.*

### **THIRD READING: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE by SUSAN HIRES**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**"My Soul Waits for the Lord" (refrain)        Hymn by Michael Bauer  
Bev Benso, Margie Lawrence, Emma Silvestri, Cheryl Wagner - singers**

### **THE SERMON**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

*Officiant and People together*

*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.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

**“Jesus Christ the apple tree”**  
Trinity Choir, directed by Doug Lawrence  
Mark Stotler, organist  
Julia Taylor, soloist

Elizabeth Poston

## THE PRAYERS

### SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            *And also with you.*  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

### SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

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.*

### **FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 212)**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

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.*

### **THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 100)**

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.*

### **PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)**

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.*

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus as caretakers of, and justice-seekers for, your beautiful and bountiful creation. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

### **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for our Full Communion Partner, the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht

### **In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the people of Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal

### **In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Stephen's, Wichita

Pray for those who need healing: D.J., Sigrid, Eleanor, Max, Clair, Doug, Dennis, Robyn, Becky, Will, Brenda, Al, Sam, Nellie, Holly, James

Pray for those with special circumstance: Mary, Bill, Elva

Pray for those in the hospital: Sam

Pray for the departed: Steve Roberts, Bill Theisen, Frank Kramer Jr., Ralph Walker, Pat Freideman

### **BIRTHDAY PRAYER** ("For a Birthday," BCP p. 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s), as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** ("Anniversary of a Marriage," BOS p. 164)

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that these two people, having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **ANNIVERSARY OF A BAPTISM** ("Renew their Baptismal Covenant," BCP p. 819)

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING** (BCP p. 101)

*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** (BCP p. 102)

*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.*

**CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

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. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**POSTLUDE**

**Congregational Hymn, # 76**

**On Jordan's bank**

**A carol from home**

**“God Rest Ye Merry”**

**“God Rest Ye Merry”**

**Winchester New (“On Jordan's bank”)**

**Wilbur Held**

**Christopher Tambling**

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