

Service of Morning Prayer

Proper 23



October 10, 2021

9:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Paul B. Wehner, Interim Rector

We welcome all friends and visitors to worship with us this morning. St. Mary's is "The Mustard Seed Church," where out of a small number, great things will grow for the glory of God.

If you would like to receive more information about life within our community, please fill out a Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you so that we may get in touch with you this week. You can hand the card to the priest or usher as you leave or leave it in your pew.

Ministers of the Service

Officiant	Dani Mikel
Lector	Colleen Matocha
Prayers of the People	Colleen Matocha
Music	Grace Culbreath
Crucifer	Braylee Schill
Usher	AJ Mikel, Mary Stewart
Altar Guild	Theata Miller, Jennifer Schill
Technical Support	

Rev. Paul Wehner is our Interim Rector during the current transition time. He will be in the church office on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 5:00, or can meet at other times by appointment. Please do not hesitate to drop in or to call and schedule a time to meet and talk or pray with Fr. Paul. Call the church office or his cell phone: 409-766-0088.

Morning Prayer - Rite II

Prelude

Grace Culbreath, Organ

Morning Prayer

BCP, p. 75

Processional Hymn

Be thou my vision

Hymn #488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Opening Sentences:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

I was glad when they said to me," Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(kneel)*

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.

Officiant

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.**

All stand.

Officiant

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People

Come let us adore him.

Venite: *(said in unison)*

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 90: 12-17 (seated)

Domine, refugium

BCP p. 718

12 So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.**

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

**17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Our First Reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:12-16) (remain seated)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle of Praise (stand)

THE GLORIA

Hymn #S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Our Second Reading is from the book of Mark (10:17-31) (seated)



As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and

mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or

sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Gradual Hymn (stand)

Take my life, and let it be

Hymn #707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Apostles' Creed (said in unison)

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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray together.

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

Prayers of the People (*stand or kneel*)

The Prayers of the People are adapted from Form 6, in our Book of Common Prayer.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*)

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president and Greg, our governor;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; we pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially John Brockway, Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Brandon Davidson, and Shane Case, that they may have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; Paul, our priest; and the People of St. Mary's Church.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Silence)
We pray for those for whom are prayers are requested, especially George, Doris, Kirby, Mary, Dorothy, Mike, Marglet, the family of Lou Crutcher, Mary, Bonnie, John, Loree, Parker, Cody, Cinco, Kelli, James, Daniel, Jennifer, Craig, Beverly, Chuck, Shirley, George, Ann, Nancy, Tammy, Duggan, Pam, Veronica, Red, Clay, and those we now name silently or aloud Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating their birthdays, especially Wade Roddy and Aaron Mikel; and those celebrating their anniversaries. (The People may add their own thanksgivings) We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for Lou Crutcher and those we now name silently or aloud Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 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.**

The General Thanksgiving *(read in unison)*

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 ourselves 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 *(read in unison)*

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.


Officiant concludes with the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Recessional Hymn

Oh God our help in ages past

Hymn #680 vs. 1-5



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

The Dismissal

Officiant

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord..

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia



**The flowers on the altar
this Sunday are given
to the Glory of God
and in memory of
Brooke Roddy Denbow
by Dan and Donna Roddy.**

2021 FLOWER SIGN UP

The forms to sign up for 2021 flower offerings are in the Narthex.

Please stop by and sign up to honor or celebrate special days in your life. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, call the church office 979-345-3456.

Prayers

Prayers for Healing: George, Doris, Kirby, Mary, Dorothy, Mike, Marglet, the family of Lou Crutcher, Mary, Bonnie, John, Loree, Parker, Cody, Cinco, Kelli, James, Daniel, Jennifer, Craig, Beverly, Chuck, Shirley, George, Ann, Nancy, Tammy, Duggan, Pam, Veronica, Red, and Clay.

Prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces: John Brockway, Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Brandon Davidson, and Shane Case

Prayers for Birthdays: Wade Roddy (10), Aaron Mikel (13)

Announcements

1. We welcome all those visiting with us today.
2. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for hospitality and fellowship after the service.
3. Sunday School for children 2 years to 5th grade and Christian Formation for youth and adults will meet from 10:30 to 11:15.
4. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. Special thanks for the Schill Family for organizing the event.
5. St. Mary's along with First Baptist Church and Columbia United Methodist Church will be having Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will decorate the trunk of our cars or fold out tables and provide Halloween treats to the children who come by. More information was in the October newsletter. If you have any questions, contact Dani. Please let the office know if you plan to participate. Once again, we are giving to the community and having fun at the same time.
6. The Vestry is meeting next Sunday, October 17th, at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Christian Formation

Today's Lessons:

Children 2 years to First Grade: The Holy Bible

When you walk into a Godly Play room, you are walking into the Bible. The stories on the shelves surround children with the contents of the Bible, where the Church's story comes from. The Bible (or "books" in the Greek) is a collection of books.

Children Second to Fifth Grade: Abraham

Abraham is called by God to a new land, which God promises to him and his descendants. God also promises Abraham that he will have descendants that will number as many as the stars in the sky. Although Abraham and Sarah are very old, Sarah gives birth to a boy, whom they name Isaac. When Isaac is still a boy, God tests Abraham's trust in God by asking Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. God finds Abraham's faith to be firm and renews the promise made to Abraham.

Youth (Sixth to Twelfth Grade) and Adults: DVD 1 -The Promised Land

led by Gwynne Olson

Iron of Culture

The city of Azekah was another strategically important city in the Israelites struggles with the Philistines. It was near Azekah that the Philistines sent their mighty warrior, Goliath to fight the one appointed by God to face him – a young shepherd boy named David.

Next Weeks's Lessons:

Children 2 years to Fifth Grade: Abraham (continuation of last week)

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Youth (Sixth to Twelfth Grade) and Adults: DVD 3 -Life and Ministry

led by Father Paul

In the Shadow of Herod

Beginning with this lesson, our focus will be the land and the culture in which Jesus lived. Herod the Great was king of Israel when Jesus was born. He was ruthless and powerful and remembered for and his relentless suppression of all resistance. Herod was also known for his magnificent building programs, of which the most extravagantly spectacular was the Herodion complex. The Herodion included 45 acres of buildings on 200 acres of palace grounds. Built on a high hill, the Herodion literally cast a shadow across the landscape of Israel's history and people.

