

**11:00 a.m. Wednesday Live-Streamed
Morning Prayer: Rite II
May 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

*(BCP page numbers have been added for those
who want to worship with their Prayer Books in hand)*

**Stand if you are able*

+You may make the sign of the cross

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentence**

BCP, p. 77

Officiant: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” *Acts 1:8*

***The Invitatory**

BCP, p. 80

*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.**

Jubilate *(In Unison)

BCP, p. 82

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

(All are seated)

Psalm 101 & 109:1-4, 20-30

BCP, p. 730 & 750

Leader: Our Psalms for this morning are Psalm 101, and 109, verses 1-4 & 20-30 found on pages 730 & 750 of the Book of Common Prayer. We will read the psalm responsively breaking at the astericks.

- 1 I will sing of mercy and justice; *
to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.
- 2 I will strive to follow a blameless course;
oh, when will you come to me? *
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.
- 3 I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; *
I hate the doers of evil deeds;
they shall not remain with me.
- 4 A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.
- 5 Those who in secret slander their neighbors I will destroy; *
those who have a haughty look and a proud
heart I cannot abide.
- 6 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, that they may
dwell with me, *
and only those who lead a blameless life shall
be my servants.
- 7 Those who act deceitfully shall not dwell in my house, *
and those who tell lies shall not continue in my sight.
- 8 I will soon destroy all the wicked in the land, *
that I may root out all evildoers from the city of the LORD.

- 1 Hold not your tongue, O God of my praise; *
for the mouth of the wicked,
the mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.
- 2 They speak to me with a lying tongue; *
they encompass me with hateful words
and fight against me without a cause.
- 3 Despite my love, they accuse me; *
but as for me, I pray for them.

- 4 They repay evil for good, *
and hatred for my love.
- 20 But you, O Lord my GOD,
oh, deal with me according to your Name; *
for your tender mercy's sake, deliver me.
- 21 For I am poor and needy, *
and my heart is wounded within me.
- 22 I have faded away like a shadow when it lengthens; *
I am shaken off like a locust.
- 23 My knees are weak through fasting, *
and my flesh is wasted and gaunt.
- 24 I have become a reproach to them; *
they see and shake their heads.
- 25 Help me, O LORD my God; *
save me for your mercy's sake.
- 26 Let them know that this is your hand, *
that you, O LORD, have done it.
- 27 They may curse, but you will bless; *
let those who rise up against me be put to shame,
and your servant will rejoice.
- 28 Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace *
and wrap themselves in their shame as in a cloak.
- 29 I will give great thanks to the LORD with my mouth; *
in the midst of the multitude will I praise him;
- 30 Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, *
to save his life from those who would condemn him.

**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.**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 11:14-25

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, Chapter 11, verses 14-25.

“Then the word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘They have gone far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession.’ Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone. Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD.

Then the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. And the glory of the LORD ascended from the middle of the city, and stopped on the mountain east of the city. The spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen left me. And I told the exiles all the things that the LORD had shown me.”

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

***The First Song of Isaiah** (*In unison*)

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Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 Lesson: Hebrews 7:1-17

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews,
chapter 7, verses 1-17.

‘This ‘King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him’; and to him Abraham apportioned ‘one-tenth of everything’. His name, in the first place, means ‘king of righteousness’; next he is also king of Salem, that is, ‘king of peace’. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest for ever.

See how great he is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth of the spoils. And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, from their kindred, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. In the one case, tithes are received by those who are mortal; in the other, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the levitical priesthood—for the people received the law under this priesthood—

what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'"

Reader: Here ends the reading.

***A Song to the Lamb** *Dignus es Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13 (In Unison)*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.**

***The Apostles' Creed** *(In Unison)*

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**All: 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 *(Stand or kneel)*

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (In unison)

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All: 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

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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.

A Collect for Grace for Wednesdays

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Officiant: 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. All: **Amen.**

A Prayer for Doctors and Nurses

BCP, p. 460

Officiant: Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the science and arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain.

Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

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Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. All: **Amen.**

Free Intercessions (*We especially remember those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List, those around the world who are sick from the Corona Virus and those who have died from the virus. And we lift up all of our Doctors, Nurses and Healthcare Professional who are caring for the sick and helping to defeat this pandemic. We also remember all other essential workers. They are there for us. We are home for them.*)

Prayer for Healing (*For ourselves and in intercession for other.*)

Silent Prayer (*Sit in silence for about 3 minutes in recollection of our loving God and Savior.*)

Closing

BCP, p. 102

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Officiant: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ +, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.” (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

All: **Amen.**

(Our next live-streamed liturgy will be 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning on May 31, 2020. Worship Booklets can be found on the Home page of the Church website at www.saintjohnsconcord.com. It may be viewed from the Church FaceBook page and/or through the Home page of the Church Website.)