11:00 a.m. Wednesday Mornings Zoom Morning Prayer: Rite II July 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentence

Officiant: "The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him." *John 4:23*

***The Invitatory**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

* 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.

Jubilate

* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

* 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.

* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 72

(Everyone reads a verse in turn.)

Of Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ⁹ May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
- may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,

and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵ Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him.
May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.
¹⁶ May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.
¹⁷ May his name endure for ever, his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;

may they pronounce him happy.

- ¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth.Amen and Amen.
- ²⁰ The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

* 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: Judges 3:12-30

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Judges.

"The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD strengthened King Eglon of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. In alliance with the Ammonites and the Amalekites, he went and defeated Israel; and they took possession of the city of palms. So the Israelites served King Eglon of Moab for eighteen years.

But when the Israelites cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The Israelites sent tribute by him to King Eglon of Moab. Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length; and he fastened it on his right thigh under his clothes. Then he presented the tribute to King Eglon of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. When Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent the people who carried the tribute on their way. But he himself turned back at the sculptured stones near Gilgal, and said, 'I have a secret message for you, O king.' So the king said, 'Silence!' and all his attendants went out from his presence. Ehud came to him, while he was sitting alone in his cool roof-chamber, and said, 'I have a message from God for you.' So he rose from his seat. Then Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into Eglon's belly; the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the dirt came out. Then Ehud went out into the vestibule, and closed the doors of the roof-chamber on him, and locked them.

After he had gone, the servants came. When they saw that the doors of the roof-chamber were locked, they thought, 'He must be relieving himself in the cool chamber.' So they waited until they were embarrassed. When he still did not open the doors of the roof-chamber, they took the key and opened them. There was their lord lying dead on the floor.

Ehud escaped while they delayed, and passed beyond the sculptured stones, and escaped to Seirah. When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites went down with him from the hill country, having him at their head. He said to them, 'Follow after me; for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand.' So they went down after him, and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and allowed no one to cross over. At that time they killed about ten thousand of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; no one escaped. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years."

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

- A Song of Wisdom Sapientia liberavit Wisdom 10:15-19, 20b- 21
- * Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors a holy people and a blameless race.
- * She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
- * To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, and led them by a marvelous way;
- * She was their shelter by day and a blaze of stars by night.
- * She brought them across the Red Sea, she led them through mighty waters;
- * But their enemies she swallowed in the waves and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
- * And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
- * For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.

Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

"The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he

said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

The Ascension of Jesus

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."

Reader: Here ends the reading.

A Song of God's Love 1 John 4:7-11

- * Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.
- * Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.
- * In this the love of God was revealed among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

- * In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
- * Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.
- * For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

The Apostles' Creed

* 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

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

The Lord's Prayer

- * Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
- * Give us today our daily bread.
- * Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
- * Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
- * For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

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- * Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- * And grant us your salvation.
- * Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- * Let your people sing with joy.
- * Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- * For only in you can we live in safety.
- * Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- * And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- * Let your way be known upon earth;
- * Your saving health among all nations.
- * Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- * Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- * Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- * And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Sts. Mary and Martha of Bethany

Officiant: Generous God, whose Son Jesus Christ enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany: Open our hearts to love you,

our ears to hear you, and our hands to welcome and serve you in others, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

Prayer for the Calling of a New Rector

* Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the Search Committee and Vestry who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

* 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.)

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

Closing

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. * Thanks be to God. **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.**