11:00 a.m. Wednesday Mornings Zoom Morning Prayer: Rite II September 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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The Liturgy has been adapted for Zoom from BCP, p. 75.

* = New reader

Bold = Said in Unison

+ You may make the sign of the cross

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentence

Officiant: "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." *Philippians 1:2*

*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.
- * 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!

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

Psalm 119:97-120

(Everyone reads a verse in turn.)

- 97 Oh, how I love your law!It is my meditation all day long.
- ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.
- ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.
- ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.
- ¹⁰² I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.
- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.
- ¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;

give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

- Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.
- ¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.
- Your decrees are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes for ever, to the end.

¹¹³ I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.

¹¹⁴ You are my hiding-place and my shield;

I hope in your word.

115 Go away from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.

- ¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope.
- Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually.
- ¹¹⁸ You spurn all who go astray from your statutes; for their cunning is in vain.
- All the wicked of the earth you count as dross; therefore I love your decrees.
- ¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgements.
- * 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: Esther 6:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Esther.

"That night the king could not sleep, and he gave orders to bring the book of records, the annals, and they were read to the king. ²It was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had conspired to assassinate King Ahasuerus. ³Then the king said, 'What honour or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?' The king's servants who attended him said, 'Nothing has been done for him.' ⁴The king said, 'Who is in the court?' Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. ⁵So the king's servants told him, 'Haman is there, standing in the court.' The king said, 'Let him come in.' ⁶So Haman came in, and the king said to him, 'What shall be done for the man whom the king wishes to honour?' Haman said to himself, 'Whom would the king wish to honour more than me?' ⁷So Haman said to the king, 'For the man whom the king wishes to honour, ⁸let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and a horse that the king has ridden, with a royal crown on its head. ⁹Let the robes and the

horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials; let him robe the man whom the king wishes to honour, and let him conduct the man on horseback through the open square of the city, proclaiming before him: "Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king wishes to honour." ¹⁰Then the king said to Haman, 'Quickly, take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to the Jew Mordecai who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned.' ¹¹So Haman took the robes and the horse and robed Mordecai and led him riding through the open square of the city, proclaiming, 'Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king wishes to honour.'

- 12 Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. ¹³When Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him, his advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, 'If Mordecai, before whom your downfall has begun, is of the Jewish people, you will not prevail against him, but will surely fall before him.'
- 14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman off to the banquet that Esther had prepared."

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

A Song of Creation

Invocation

- * Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- * In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III. The People of God

- * Let the people of God glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- * Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- * Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

* You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

- * Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
- * In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-10

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

"While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

8 He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord."

Reader: Here ends the reading.

The Song of the Redeemed Magna et mirabilia 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 for ever. Amen.

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.

Suffrages A

- * 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 Grace (for Wednesday)

* 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*.

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.**