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SERVICE *of* MORNING PRAYER

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 27, 2020

*This morning's liturgy is identical to the prayer service that Park Street Church conducts via Zoom five days a week (weekdays) at [parkstreet.org/morningprayer](https://parkstreet.org/morningprayer). This service, drawn from our historic traditions as part of the Western church, proceeds without undue announcement. The word "liturgy" means "work of the people," and the congregation plays an active role in this liturgy. Instructions are indicated by the traditional symbol ☩, called a "pilcrow." The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence.*

*When worship was translated into the vernacular during the Reformation, the familiar Latin titles for Psalms and other standard texts were retained; for instance, we refer to the "Gloria Patri" not the "Glory Be to the Father;" some of these titles are used here.*

*The traditional designations "Opening Voluntary" and "Closing Voluntary" convey that these pieces are part of the service, not outside of it, for the purposes of this liturgy that otherwise has little music (due to the temporary suppression of corporate singing).*

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## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship. Today's voluntary played by Angelina Savoia, harp.*

☩ *The Leader begins the service with the following sentence from Scripture.*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. *Psalm 19.14*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

☩ *The Leader says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them

with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

¶ *Silence is kept. The people kneel. The Leader and People say*

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to

all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The people kneeling, the Leader alone stands, and says*

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## INVITATORY

¶ *All stand*

*Leader* O Lord, open our lips;

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Leader* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Leader* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Leader* Praise the Lord.

*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

## VENITE

*O Come*

*Leader* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* **O come, let us adore him.**

**O come, let us sing unto the LORD;**

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving**

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God**

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the depths of the earth,**

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,**

**and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship and fall down,**

**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.

*Psalm 95. 1-7*

*Leader* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

*People* **O come, let us adore him.**

### THE PSALM

¶ *The People recite the Psalm antiphonally. Those on the LEFT side of the sanctuary read the REGULAR type, and those on the RIGHT side of the sanctuary read the BOLD type. ALL read the Gloria Patri.*

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*Benedixisti, Domine*

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.**

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us for ever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**<sup>6</sup>Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.**

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

**<sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.

*All* **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms,  
in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.*

¶ *The people sit*

## FIRST LESSON

*Amos 9. 11-15*

“In that day I will restore David’s fallen tent.

I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins,  
and build it as it used to be,

<sup>12</sup>so that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations that bear my name,”  
declares the LORD, who will do these things.

<sup>13</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman  
and the planter by the one treading grapes.

New wine will drip from the mountains  
and flow from all the hills.

<sup>14</sup>I will bring back my exiled people Israel;  
they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them.

They will plant vineyards and drink their wine;  
they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup>I will plant Israel in their own land,  
never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *All stand and respond with this song of praise*

DEUS MISEREATUR

*God be merciful*

May God be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
indeed, let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you shall judge the peoples righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us,  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

*Psalm 67*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

¶ *All sit*

## SECOND LESSON

*John 2. 1-12*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water;" so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." <sup>9</sup>They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

*Reader*    **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *All stand and respond with this song of praise*

BENEDICTUS

*The Song of Zechariah*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old

that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68–79*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

¶ *The People remain standing for the prayer, then sit for the sermon.*

SERMON

*The Transforming Power*

Mark Booker

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *The People stand and say together*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come 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

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

¶ *The People kneel.*

*Leader* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Leader* Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 coming day's bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into trial,

but deliver us from the Evil One.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Leader* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader* O Lord, guide those who govern us;

*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader* O Lord, save your people;  
*People* **And bless your inheritance.**  
*Leader* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**  
*Leader* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Leader* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

#### 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 Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick and suffering, and may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

¶ *At the conclusion of the prayers, the People stand.*

#### THE PEACE

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ, refraining from handshaking and maintaining physical distancing. Following the Peace, the People are seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### THE OFFERTORY

*Leader:* For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. *2 Cor 8.9*

¶ *A hymn is played upon the organ or by the musicians.*

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

¶ *All stand and pray together*

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.

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

¶ *The people sit. A joyous work is played upon the organ or by the musicians. The ushers will dismiss the people by rows, following the voluntary. Today's voluntary is "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933).*

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