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SERVICE *of* MORNING PRAYER

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, September 13, 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](http://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.*

☩ *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* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*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*   Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*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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*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
**<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,**  
<sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
**<sup>4</sup>He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.**  
<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
**“As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”**  
<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

**<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**<sup>10</sup>Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

**<sup>12</sup>Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

*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

*Isaiab 52. 13–53. 12*

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness—  
<sup>15</sup>so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows,

and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. <sup>9</sup>He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

*Reader*    **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

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

ECCE, DEUS

*Surely, it is God who saves me*

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. *Isaiah 12.2-6*

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 1.19-34*

Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. <sup>20</sup>He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ."



<sup>21</sup>They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” <sup>22</sup>Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

<sup>24</sup>Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup>questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” <sup>26</sup>“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup>He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

<sup>28</sup>This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

*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

*Jesus: The Lamb of God*

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 PRAYER FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through 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:* Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering,  
and come into his courts! *Psalm 96.8*

¶ *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.*

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