

8:00 SERVICE

online on Zoom



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Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website www.st-john-aptos.org, for more information about our community.

Announcements

An asterisk () denotes in-person events or activities.*

TODAY: Healing Community. Last week's service focused primarily on individual or personal healing. Today, our worship theme is "healing community," and we're asking you to think about things that need to be healed within the St. John's community. During the service today, you will be invited to answer the following question on an online form: **What issues, problems, or conflicts are you struggling with in our church community that you are ready to work toward healing?** The responses will be reviewed by the Rector, the Junior Warden (Debra Spencer), and the chair of the Pastoral Care Committee (Brian Raney). If you put your name on the form, one of those people will be in touch with you to follow up. If you don't put your name on the form, the anonymous responses will be passed on to the Daughters of the King and the weekday worship service leaders so those groups can pray for the intentions offered.

All Hallow's Eve / All Saints Day Commemoration, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021. For our commemoration of All Saints Day this year, we encourage you to bring a photo or other remembrance of deceased loved ones to the 10:30 service to add to a communal altar we will create with everyone's photos. At both services, we will read aloud the names of those who have died since Nov. 1, 2020 (last All Saints' Sunday). If you have names of people you would like included, please **email their name, with date of death, to Mother Tracy at rector@st-john-aptos.org by Saturday, Oct. 30.** Please also include how they are connected to you (parent, uncle, friend, etc).

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

BCP 78, Psalm 19:14

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept to allow time to confess specific sins to God.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

BCP 80

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory & Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. (*Psalm 51:16*)

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. Alleluia.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

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!

Psalm 126

BCP Translation

The Server leads the psalm in the style of their choice.

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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.

The Lessons

Introduction to the Hebrew Scripture Reading

In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah brings a word from God to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon, promising them that one day they will return to the land of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

BCP 92-93

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

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 the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.**

Introduction to the Epistle Reading

As we continue in our reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author continues to compare Jesus with the priests of the Temple period, making the case that Jesus's death was a one-time sacrifice that did not need to be repeated like the sacrifices of the Temple priests.

Hebrews 7:23-28

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

BCP 94

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

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.

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.

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

In this passage, Jesus heals a blind man who then becomes one of his followers.

Mark 10:46-52

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

Sermon - Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Server The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Server Let us pray.
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.
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

BCP 97

Server Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.** (*Psalm 85:7*)

Server Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.** (*Psalm 132:9*)

Server Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Server Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Server Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Server Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Server Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Server Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Server O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

BCP 99

Server O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

Server 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. **Amen.**

Cycles of Prayer

Server In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the extra-provincial churches¹: The Anglican Church of Bermuda, The Church of Ceyon (in Sri Lanka), The Parish of the Falkland Islands, The Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church (in Portugal), and The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church (in Spain). In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Almaden, San Jose and the parish of St. Jude the Apostle in Cupertino. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Dave Evans, Maureen McKenzie and Lisa Freeman. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Sandra M., Lise, and Anita.

Community Prayers

The Officiant leads the Community Prayers.

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over **Bill Manich** (10/24), **Paula Atiee-Mason** (10/26), and **Isla Hall** (10/27), O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, *modified*

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servant _____ celebrates the anniversary of her baptism, give her courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen her in her Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants **Robbie Kilpatrick & Birgit Weskamp** (10/24), **Mary Lou & John McKenney** (10/25), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home(s) may be a haven(s) of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ The extra-provincial Anglican churches are a group of small, semi-independent church entities within the Anglican Communion. Unlike the larger member churches of the Communion, extra-provincial churches are not part of an ecclesiastical province and are subject to the direct metropolitan oversight of the Archbishop of Canterbury in England.

For Travelers:

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

All 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.

Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Ephesians 3:20,21, BCP 102

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Scripture Introductions: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Server: Win Fernald
Hebrew Scripture: Nancy Goehring
Epistle: Bart Coddington
Gospel: Chris Cottle
Virtual Usher: Bart Coddington