



8:00 SERVICE
online on Zoom

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Jesus as the Good Shepherd, mosaic, 5th c. Galla Placidia Mausoleum, Ravenna, Italy.

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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*.

***ECW Meeting, TOMORROW, 12 p.m., Back Patio.** Join us for an in-person meeting on the back patio at the church. (Bring your own lunch.) At this meeting we are going to be doing a little role playing. You will be given a character that is a recognizable church stereotype. Then, you will take some time to write a bit of dialogue or think about some mannerisms for your character, and then we will have our characters work to solve a problem.

“Mean Old Testament God vs. Nice New Testament God?” A Series with Dr. Emily Filler, Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m., Zoom. Dr. Emily Filler, Assistant Professor of Religion in the Study of Judaism at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, will be back in August for a two-class series during our Sunday adult formation hour (Emily met with our Sunday morning adult formation class on back in March on Palm Sunday /Passover to talk about antisemitism in the Passion Narratives.)

***Save the Date: Community Dinner Celebrating Regathering and Resilience During the Pandemic, Sunday, Aug. 29, 4 p.m. Gathering & Informal Conversation, 5 p.m. Dinner & Facilitated Discussion.** This event, sponsored by the Stewardship Committee, will be similar in format to the Gratitude Dinner held in October 2019. Table leaders will facilitate discussion around a different question during each course of the meal (salad, soup, and dessert), and we'll finish the evening with some large-group sharing of the insights we've gained. Parishioner Antonette Wood will be catering the meal. Look for an invitation and RSVP card in the mail in a few weeks.

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

Philippians 1:2

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Jubilate

Psalm 100

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.

BCP Translation

Psalm 23

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

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
 - 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
 - 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
 - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 - 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
 - 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
- 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 First Lesson

In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah brings a message from God admonishing the leaders of Israel (referred to as shepherds) who have led the people astray and promising that God will one day bring them a righteous leader from the line of the former King David. This passage is understood to be a prophecy about the coming of the Messiah.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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 18: A Song to the Lamb

BCP 93-94

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

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
 are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,*
 and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,*
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,*
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,*
 and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,*
 for ever and for evermore.

Introduction to the Second Lesson

In our second reading, the author of the letter to the Ephesians writes to a mostly non-Jewish (Gentile) audience, telling them that in Christ, God has broken down the divisions between Jews and Gentiles and made them one people.

Ephesians 2:11-22

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87-88

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

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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 today's Gospel reading, we hear about the early success of Jesus's healing ministry.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 The Rev. Joan Anderson, Deacon

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 B

BCP 98

- Server* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.** (*Psalm 28:11*)
- Server* Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your Name for ever.**
- Server* Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.** (*Psalm 123:4a*)
- Server* Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**
- Server* In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

Server Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Grace

BCP 100

Server 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. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Server Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Cuernavaca in La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, in honor of the feast days of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman on July 20, we pray for those who promote the dignity of women.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Elliott Bush, Bart Coddington, and Don Zimmerman. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Mary Haynes, Annie Henry, and Tyler.

We also pray for those participating in the “Episcopal Essentials” and “I Will, With God’s Help” classes at St. John’s, deepening their knowledge of the Episcopal Church and reflecting on the Baptismal Covenant: Blythe Bertrand, Lise Crowley, Nancy Goehring, Maureen McKenzie, Sarah Simms, Jill Talvensaari, Judy Verbeck, and Phill Williams.

Community Prayers

The Officiant leads the Community Prayers.

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over Linda Guy (18), Thomasjohn Wells Miller (18), Jon Showalter (19), Nancy Shephard (23), & Bernice Weatherholt (24), 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 servants Jon Showalter (22), Thomas Richardson (23) & Sally Lewis (24), celebrate the anniversaries of their baptisms, give them courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen them in their 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 _____, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven

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.

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.

Minute for Ministry - Eileen Fernald

Commissioning of Pastoral Card Senders

Book of Occasional Services 2018, p. 154-155

Presider Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

_____ have indicated that their willingness to send cards to people in the parish on behalf of the congregation, to show care, concern, and pastoral support for them in times of joy and sorrow.

People Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Presider (to the card senders) Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourselves to this trust and responsibility?

Card Senders I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows support and uphold these people in their ministry?

People We will.

Presider In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as pastoral card senders for this congregation.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14, BCP 102

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thanks to Rick Becton for donating and arranging the flowers for today.

Also thanks to Anne Sherwood who donated and arranged the flowers last week.

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Scripture Introductions: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Server: Brian Raney
Lesson: Bart Coddington
Epistle: Barb Raney
Gospel: Win Fernald
Virtual Usher: Bart Coddington