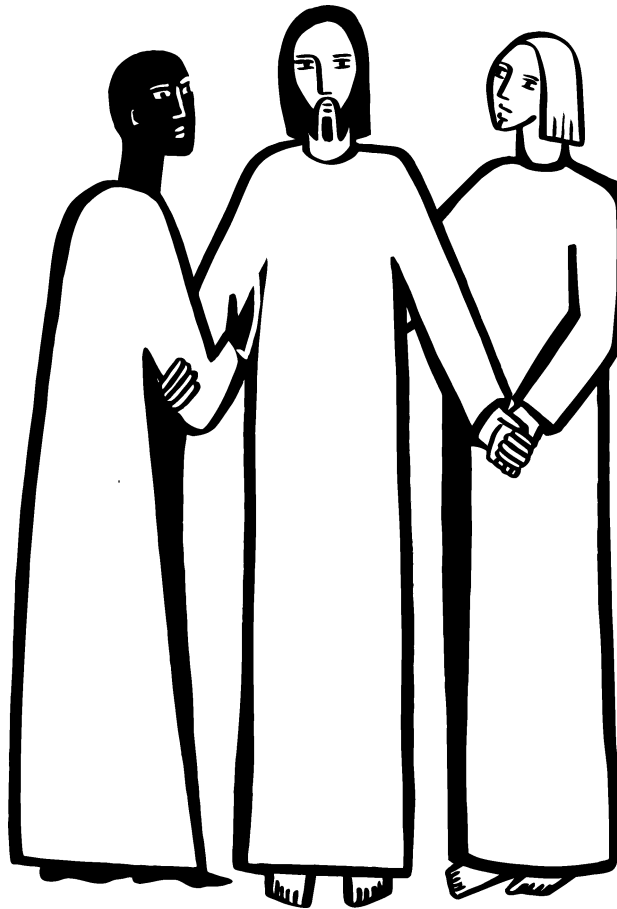


# Morning Prayer

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 25, 2024



St. John's Episcopal Church



**Prelude**

*Reverie on Draw Me Nearer*

*Livingston*

**Welcome**

*Conley Stamper*

*The People stand at the bell*

**ENTRANCE HYMN H 408**

**Opening Sentences**

**Confession of Sin**

*People my stand or kneel*

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

***People:* 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.**

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

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **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. Alleluia.**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

## **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 34:15-22

*Benedicam Dominum*

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
**and his ears are open to their cry.**

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
**and delivers them from all their troubles.**

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
**and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
**but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.**

20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
**not one of them shall be broken.**

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
**and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,

whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Song of Zechariah**

*People stand*

Luke 1: 68-79

**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.**

**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.**

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Third Reading: John 6:56-69**

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

Licensed Lay Preacher Conley Stamper



## **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**

*The people may stand or kneel*

*Officiant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.  
And 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**

*V.* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*R.* **And grant us your salvation.**

*V.* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*R.* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*V.* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*R.* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*V.* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*R.* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*V.* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*R.* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*V.* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*R.* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*V.* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*R.* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Sundays**

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.**

### **The Collect for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly God: In you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for all who died , especially LaDawn Priebe, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we prayer for St. David's, Bean Blossom  
The Rev. Kate Wilson, The Rev. William Morris

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially Brandon, Scott, Mary, Teresa, Jack, Tim, Mike, Brittany, Karen, Bill, Ann, John, Bill, Jim, Elaine, Ruth, Rhonda, Jeannie, Carole, Frank, Char, Nancy, Lauren, Katie, Catherine, Bryanna, Julie, Linda, Stacie, Greg, Barb, Larry, Jake, Scott, George.

## **Collect for Mission**

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.**

## **Hymn            H 440**

*The people may stand as they are able*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**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.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Reader     Let us bless the Lord.

*People     Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayer after worship**

Grant, Almighty God, that the words that we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn**

**H 561**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*Hornpipe*

*Wesley*

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Aug 25, 2024**

**Morning Prayer: Conley Stamper**

**Sept 1, 2024**

**Morning Prayer Dan Booher**

**Music:** Jerilyn Yerkes

**Lector:** Judy Wynne

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**Lem:** John & Betty Culley

Katherine Morrison & Kim Green

**Crucifer:** Katherine Morrison

Jeremy Hartnett

**Greeters:** Tina & Kevin Osborn

Meegan Reidy & Sheila Evans

**Altar Guild:** Cyndy Fields & Teresa Titus

Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy

**Counters:** Frank Sorrentino & Susan Albrecht

Jim Gary & Nancy Bennett

**Coffee Start:** Frank Sorrentino

Frank Sorrentino

**Clean up:** Katherine Morrison

Meegan Reidy

*Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Jessie Hartnett's 17th birthday by Jill Lamberton & Jeremy Hartnett.*

## *St. John's Vestry*

**2025**

Jim Gary, Sr. Warden

Kim Green

Helen Hudson

**2026**

Adrienne Ashbaugh

Sam Hildebrand

Katharine Morrison

**2027**

Peggy Lohorn, Jr. Warden

John Roberts

Frank Sorentino

*John Culley, Treasurer, Ex-Officio*

*Aaron Morrison, Clerk, Ex-Officio*

**Mission:** St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our Community.

**Vision:** As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and

love by serving together. As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage

sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the

ministries to which God has called us.

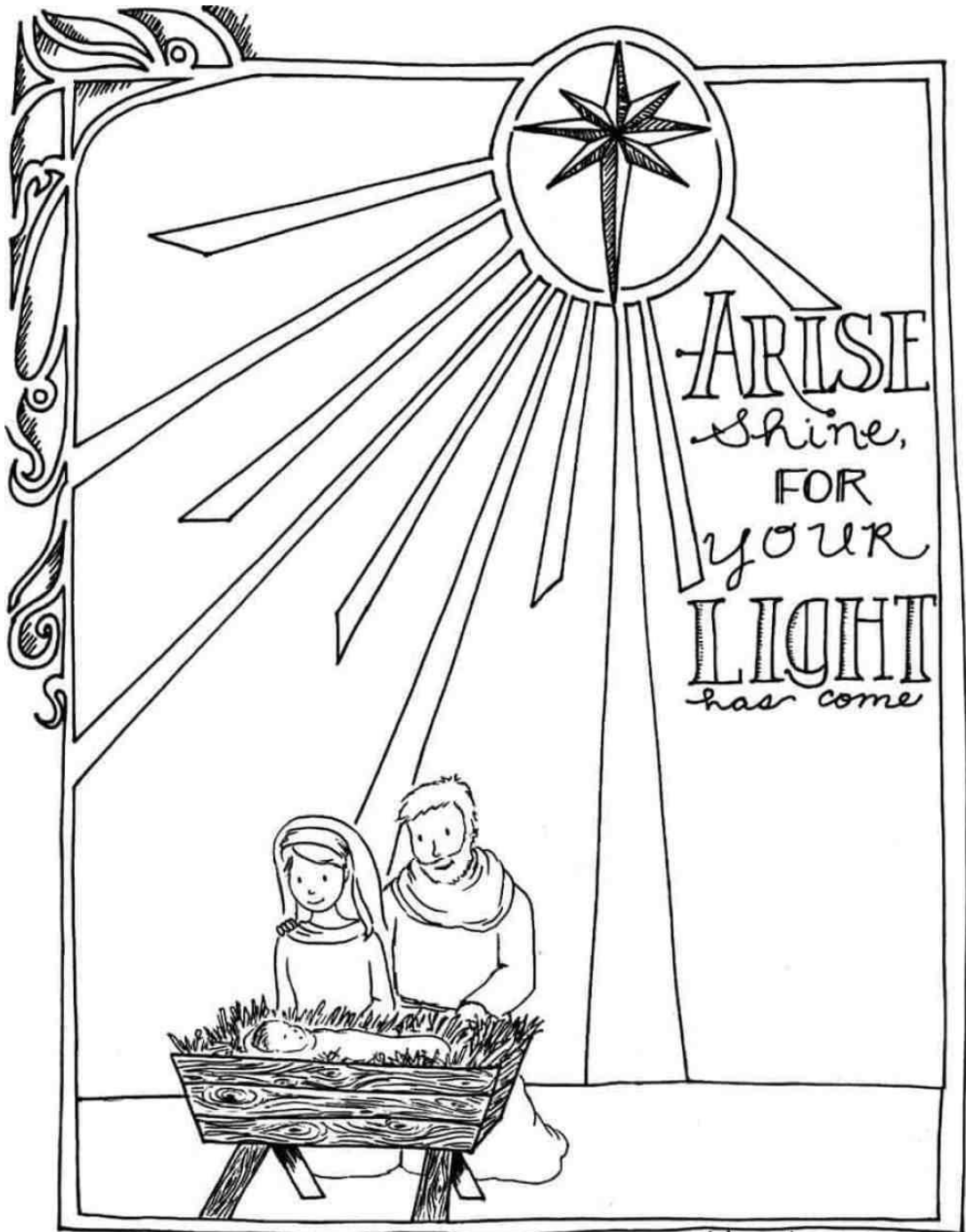


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