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**All Saints' Episcopal Church**  
610 4th Street, Portsmouth, Ohio

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*The Rev. Paul Bennett, Pastor*

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

*The service printed here is from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

**Opening Sentence:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **BCP 79 • The Confession of Sin**

**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.**

### **BCP 80 • The Absolution**

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**

### **BCP 80 • Invitatory**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

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

*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.**

### **Hymn S 35 • Venite** "Come, let us sing to the Lord" *sung by all*

**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!**

### **Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17** *recited*

**1 Lord, you have been our refuge \***  
**from one generation to another.**

**2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \***  
**from age to age you are God.**

**3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \***  
**"Go back, O child of earth."**

**4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \***  
**and like a watch in the night.**

**5 You sweep us away like a dream; \***  
**we fade away suddenly like the grass.**

**6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \***

In the evening it is dried up and withered.  
**13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \***  
**be gracious to your servants.**  
**14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \***  
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**  
**15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \***  
**and the years in which we suffered adversity.**  
**16 Show your servants your works \***  
**and your splendor to their children.**  
**17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \***  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**  
**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

**The First Lesson** Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16** *Song of Zechariah (metrical); sung by all*

*Forest Green*

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
 He visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.  
 The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
 God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.**

**He from the house of David a child of grace has given;  
 A Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.  
 Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,  
 The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.**

**On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,  
 The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner’s eyes.  
 He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
 O bless our God and Savior, with songs that never cease.**

Spoken by 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 Second Lesson** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had

already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 7** *Te Deum laudamus* (metrical); sung by all

Azmon

**O God, we praise thee, and confess that thou the only Lord  
And everlasting Father art, by all the earth adored.**

**To thee all angels cry aloud; to thee the pow'rs on high,  
Both cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry:**

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, whom heav'nly hosts obey,  
The world is with the glory filled of thy majestic sway!**

**The apostles' glorious company, and prophets crowned with light  
With all the martyrs' noble host, thy constant praise recite.**

**The holy Church in faith acclaims the Son who for us died,  
Also the Holy Comforter, our advocate and guide.**

**The Third Lesson** *Matthew 22:34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily** *The Rev. Paul Bennett*

**Announcements**

**BCP 96 • 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

## BCP 97 • The Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

## BCP 97 • The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

**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.**

## BCP 97 • Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

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

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

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

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

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

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

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

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

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

## The Collect of the Day

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.*

## Office Hymn 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!**

## Prayers of the People Form III

*Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*

**That we all may be one.**

*Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Give to the departed eternal rest.*

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

*Silence*

*[The People may add their own petitions. ]*

**BCP 101 • 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.**

**BCP 102 • 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.**

**BCP 102 • The Dismissal and Grace**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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