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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 78:1-7** *recited*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;  
6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;  
7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;

**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** *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

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: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. 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." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Office Hymn 690

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

*Cwm Rhondda*

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;**

**bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;**

**let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;**

**strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;**

**death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;**

**songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.**

## Prayers of the People Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*[Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.]*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

### **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.**