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

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*The Rev. Paul Bennett, Priest in Residence*

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

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### **Opening Sentence**

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

### **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.**

### **Hymn 377 *Jubilate***

*"All People that on earth do dwell"*

*Old Hundredth*

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen**

### **Psalm 19 *chanted by the cantor***

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.*

*2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.*

- 3 *Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,*
- 4 *Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.*
- 5 *In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*
- 6 *It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*
- 7 *The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*
- 8 *The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*
- 9 *The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*
- 10 *More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*
- 11 *By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.*
- 12 *Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.*
- 13 *Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*
- 14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Gloria Patri*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson** *Exodus 20:1-17*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader:     The Word of the Lord  
People:     **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 14** *Kyrie Pantokrator; chanted by the cantor*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

**The Second Lesson** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 444** *Song of Zechariah* "Blessed be the God of Israel"

*Thornbury*

**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.**

### **The Third Lesson** *John 2:13-22*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Homily** *The Rev. Paul A. Bennett*

### **Announcements**

#### **BCP 96 • The Apostles' Creed** *Standing*

**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 God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Office Hymn** *sung by all* "The glory of these forty days" *Erhalt uns, Herr*

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full off in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.**

**O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.**

### 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 God. Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

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

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