

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Plymires, Jacqui Poarch, and Beth Pollard.

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. We especially pray for James Christiansen, Thomas Clark, Shannon Farthing, Melba Felty, Kathy Hackett, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux, David and Wyatt. *(pause)*

The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Lanier Hinton by Betty Callahan Wilson.

I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

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 ourselves 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.** 2 Corinthians 13:14

Postlude: *on Hyfrydol*

Officiant: Jonathan Shockley

Lay Reader: 10:00 am Martha Burton

Ushers: Bob Holleman, Gisela White

Audio: Lee Adams, Bill Miller

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021

Welcome to Christ and Grace and thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. During the hymns we will remain seated and you are invited to silently meditate on the words. Worship leaders may remove masks when speaking. As a community of faith we are called to love and care for one another. We appreciate your patience with the changes in our protocol as we work to ensure the safety of all.

10:00 AM MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Prelude: *Celestial Banquet*

Olivier Messiaen

Opening Sentence *standing*

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin *kneeling or standing*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.**

Standing

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.

Hymn S35 *Venite* in unison standing

**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 45:1-2, 7-10 sitting

See scripture insert

**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.**

First Reading: James 1:17-27

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* seated

St. Denio

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 sitting

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Jonathan Shockley

A moment of silence is observed.

Hymn 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* seated

Marion

*1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*2 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. (Refrain)*

*3 Your clear hosannas raise. and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. (Refrain)*

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 standing or kneeling

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader Let us pray.

**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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name;
increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Selected Collects and Prayer for Mission

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning:
Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace;
that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you
thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *Eructavit cor meum*

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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