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Worshiping Jesus Christ, Living in His Truth, & Blessing others in His Name.

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 2, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Morning Prayer**

As Father John is away this week, worship will be officiated by Dolores Vargas, our postulant for ordination to the Diaconate, and the sermon will be preached by Luke Childs, our aspirant for ordination to the Presbyterate.

*^ denotes when the congregation is invited to stand, as they are able*  
*\* denotes when the congregation is invited to kneel, as they are able*

#### OPENING SENTENCE<sup>^</sup>

*Book of Common Prayer p. 11*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

#### WELCOME<sup>^</sup>

*Dolores Vargas, Postulant*

#### LITANY IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS<sup>+</sup>

*Written by Fr. Michael Kurth & Modified by Bp. Eric Menees*

*Revised 6/20/20*

God the Father,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Son,  
**Have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy on us.**

Almighty God, creator of the universe, Lord and judge of us all; You are the great physician, who gives sight to the blind and restores the palsied limbs of the lame. We cry out to you to rid the earth of this contagious virus; by your mighty hand cast it into darkness and guide us in the light of your saving grace.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are anxious and uncertain in the midst of this outbreak of COVID-19. As the sorrows of our hearts and minds increase, we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear. Cast away all works of darkness. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defense, and he will be our Savior.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: receive them into the arms of your mercy, grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those directly infected with the virus: help them to recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those at high risk of infection, especially the elderly, those with underlying illnesses, the marginalized, and the poor: keep them healthy and free from all sickness.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in quarantine, the shut-in, and the infirmed: help them find peace, keep them in good health, and renew their mind and spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all hospitals, doctors, nurses, and staff: protect them as they minister to the sick, relieve all stress, and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of all the infirmed.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For first responders: guard them from all harm, and grant them strength and courage as they respond to all calls for help.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those working in essential services: keep them healthy, bestow the resources to best care for themselves and their families, and assure them in times of financial and medical anxiety.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of resources: have mercy on them, alleviate any fear, and provide for them daily bread and wage.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of this nation and the world: help them make sound and safe decisions to best secure the future of our planet.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all scientists, physicians and those working to find a cure: inspire them towards your truth, and help them discover and disseminate a vaccine and cure.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all media and journalists: protect them from all harm in their reporting, and move them to be a vector of truth and certainty, and never fear or panic.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all churches: embolden them to be beacons of Christ's hope and love, and help us to gather however and wherever we can – be it in person or online – to give you praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our church: help them minister to their flock; fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the young: spare them from harm and fear, and keep them a joyful sign of your love and light.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all parents: build in them strength and fortitude for the time ahead, and give them the words and witness to be wise counselors and compassionate caregivers.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For calm amidst the storm: as the waves toss our boat and we wonder “do you not care?”, remind us to not be afraid, that with you all things are possible, and that even the wind and sea obey you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead.

**Amen.**

Move us to check-in with loved ones at high risk of infection and those in quarantine.

**Amen.**

Ease our fear and anxiety, that we may share our resources rather than hoard them, and extend a helping hand to those in need.

**Amen.**

Inspire us to share the Good News of your love and hope.

**Amen.**

All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ our Lord: healer of the sick, ruler of the tempestuous sea, and Savior of the world.

**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

HYMN: “We're Children of God”

*(Tune: LYONS (O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!))*

1. We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed. / We're given new birth, renewed and renamed. /  
The world may not know yet to whom we belong, / But we are God's children and love is our song.

2. We're children of God who takes away sin. / In Christ we abide; our life is in him. / We offer forgiveness,  
seek justice and peace, / And reach out to others, that love may increase.

3. We're children of God and so our delight / Is living the life that's good in God's sight. / One day we'll be  
like him, transformed from above / To sing for eternity God's song of love.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION<sup>+</sup>

*BCP 11-13*

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare all those who confess their faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**

**that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**

**to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays*

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY<sup>^</sup>

*BCP 13*

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

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

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**  
*Officiant* Praise the Lord.  
*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

# ANTIPHON II^

*BCP 14*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:\*

**O come, let us adore him.**

# JUBILATE^

*BCP 15*

**O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***  
 serve the Lord with gladness,  
 and come before his presence with a song.  
**Be assured that the Lord, he is God; \***  
 it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;  
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
**O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,**  
 and into his courts with praise; \*  
 be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
**For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, \***  
 and his truth endures from generation to generation.

# ANTIPHON II (Repeated)^

*BCP 14*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:\*

**O come, let us adore him.**

# PSALM 78:1-26 (BCP 2019)

*BCP 368-370*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will open my mouth in a parable; \***  
**I will utter dark sayings of old,**
- <sup>3</sup> Which we have heard and known, \*  
and such as our forefathers have told us;
- <sup>4</sup> **That we should not hide them from the children**  
**of the generations to come, \***  
**but show the honor of the Lord,**  
**his mighty and wonderful works that he has done.**
- <sup>5</sup> He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law, \*  
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;
- <sup>6</sup> **That their posterity might know it, \***  
**and the children which were yet unborn;**
- <sup>7</sup> With the intent that when they came up \*  
they might show it to their children,

- <sup>8</sup> **That they might put their trust in God, \***  
**and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;**
- <sup>9</sup> And not be as their forefathers,  
 a faithless and stubborn generation, \*  
 a generation that did not set their heart aright,  
 and whose spirit did not cleave steadfastly to God;
- <sup>10</sup> **Like the children of Ephraim, archers carrying bows, \***  
**who turned back in the day of battle.**
- <sup>11</sup> They did not keep the covenant of God, \*  
 and would not walk in his law;
- <sup>12</sup> **But forgot what he had done, \***  
**and the wonderful works that he had shown them.**
- <sup>13</sup> Marvelous things he did in the sight of our forefathers, \*  
 in the land of Egypt, even in the field of Zoan.
- <sup>14</sup> **He divided the sea and let them go through; \***  
**he made the waters to stand in a heap.**
- <sup>15</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud, \*  
 and all the night through with a light of fire.
- <sup>16</sup> **He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \***  
**and gave them drink in abundance, as out of the great deep.**
- <sup>17</sup> He brought waters out of the stony rock, \*  
 so that it gushed out like the rivers.
- <sup>18</sup> **Yet for all this they sinned more against him, \***  
**and provoked the Most High in the wilderness.**
- <sup>19</sup> They tested God in their hearts \*  
 and demanded food for their craving.
- <sup>20</sup> **They spoke against God, saying, \***  
**“Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?”**
- <sup>21</sup> Indeed, he smote the stony rock, so that water gushed out, and the streams overflowed; \*  
 but can he give bread also, or provide meat for his people?”
- <sup>22</sup> **When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; \***  
**so a fire was kindled against Jacob,**  
**and there flared up fierce anger against Israel,**
- <sup>23</sup> Because they did not believe in God, \*  
 and did not put their trust in his help.
- <sup>24</sup> **So he commanded the clouds above \***  
**and opened the doors of heaven.**
- <sup>25</sup> He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
 and gave them food from heaven.
- <sup>26</sup> **So mortals ate the bread of angels; \***  
**for he sent them food enough.**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 9:16-21 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> “But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. <sup>17</sup> They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. <sup>18</sup> Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,’ and had committed great blasphemies, <sup>19</sup> you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night to light for them the way by which they should go. <sup>20</sup> You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup> Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

The Word of the Lord.

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

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE^

*BCP 18-19*

<b>Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *</b>	<b>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</b>
<b>you are worthy of praise; glory to you.</b>	<b>Glory to you, beholding the depths; *</b>
<b>Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *</b>	<b>in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.</b>
<b>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</b>	<b>Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *</b>
<b>Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *</b>	<b>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</b>
<b>on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.</b>	
<b>Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *</b>	

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN, 29-34

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” <sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.

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

BENEDICTUS^

*BCP 19*

**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 in the shadow of death, \*  
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.

LUKE 1:68-79

## SERMON

*Luke Childs, Aspirant*

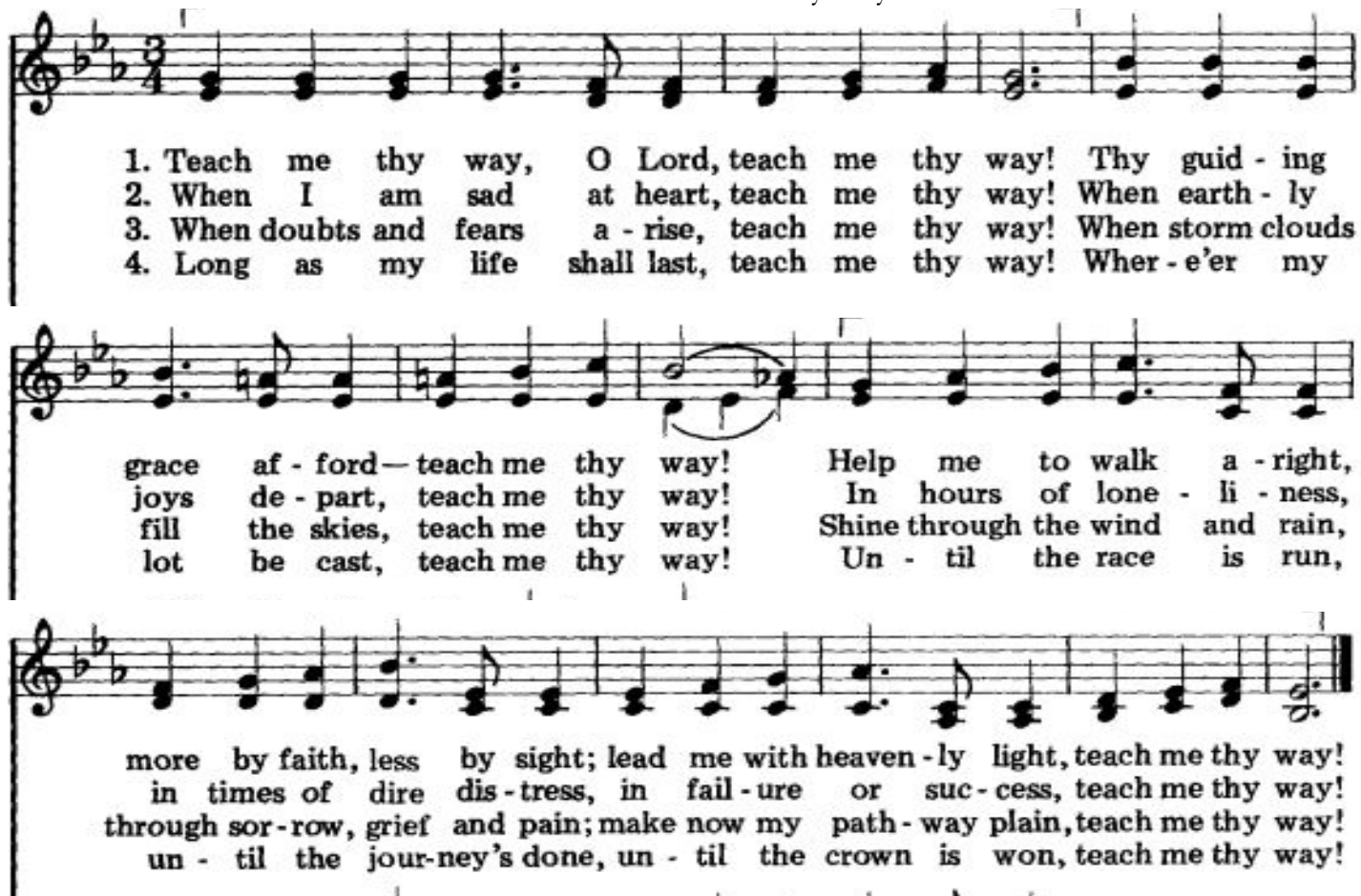
## THE APOSTLES' CREED^

*BCP 20**Officiant and People together, all 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 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.

HYMN: "Teach Me Thy Way"



1. Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way! Thy guid - ing  
2. When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way! When earth - ly  
3. When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me thy way! When storm clouds  
4. Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way! Wher - e'er my

grace af - ford— teach me thy way! Help me to walk a - right,  
joys de - part, teach me thy way! In hours of lone - li - ness,  
fill the skies, teach me thy way! Shine through the wind and rain,  
let be cast, teach me thy way! Un - til the race is run,

more by faith, less by sight; lead me with heaven - ly light, teach me thy way!  
in times of dire dis - tress, in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me thy way!  
through sor - row, grief and pain; make now my path - way plain, teach me thy way!  
un - til the jour - ney's done, un - til the crown is won, teach me thy way!

THE PRAYERS\*

BCP 21

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

**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.

*Officiant* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Officiant* O Lord, guide those who govern us;  
*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**  
*Officiant* O Lord, save your people;  
*People* **And bless your inheritance.**  
*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**  
*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 take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:  
 THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
*BCP 618*

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN<sup>+</sup>  
*BCP 22*

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION: II<sup>+</sup>  
*BCP 24*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE<sup>+</sup>

BCP 659

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ADDITIONAL INTERCESSIONS &amp; THANKSGIVINGS

*The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

## CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

Anniversaries: David & Prudence Harding-Keeney (3), Jim & Pam Stout (3), Bruce & Erika Curtis (4)

HYMN: "My Shepherd will Supply My Need"<sup>^</sup>

1 My Shepherd, you supply my need, / most holy is your name; / in pastures fresh you make me feed, / beside the living stream. / You bring my wand'ring spirit back. / when I forsake your ways; / you lead me, for your mercy's sake, / in paths of truth and grace.

2 When through the shades of death I walk, / your presence is my stay; / one word of your supporting breath / drives all my fears away. / Your hand in sight of all my foes, / does still my table spread; / my cup with Blessings overflows, / your oil anoints my head.

3 Your sure provisions gracious God / attend me all my days; / oh, may your house be my abode, / and all my work be praise. / Here would I find a settled rest, / while others go and come; / no more a stranger, nor a guest, / but like a child at home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING<sup>^</sup>

BCP 25

*Officiant and People*

**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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM<sup>^</sup>

BCP 26

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his

Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

DISMISSAL^

*BCP 26*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCE: II^

*BCP 26*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ROMANS 15:13<sup>T</sup>