



and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Antiphon (In Advent...)  
Our King and Savior draweth nigh: *O come, let us  
adore him.* BCP 43

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium* BCP 685  
1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
shall be no more.  
18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.  
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 First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10  
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall  
eat straw like the  
ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling  
shall be glorious.

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* BCP 85

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*

the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the  
sea; \*

the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*

who is like you, glorious in holiness,

awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*

with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*

on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \*

for ever and for ever.

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.

A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our  
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the  
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May  
the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to  
live in harmony with one another, in accordance with  
Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has  
welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that  
Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf  
of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the  
promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the  
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.

The Song of Zechariah

BCP 50

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*

for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*

in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather  
Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

A reading from Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Sermon Janice Buchin, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed BCP 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayers

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy Spirit.  
*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Collect of the Day BCP 159  
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to  
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give  
us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we  
may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People Form II BCP 385  
*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer  
their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, for our Bishop, Wendell, our  
Bishop Elect Bonnie; 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*  
*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Passing of the Peace BCP 332  
*All stand.*  
*The Celebrant says to the People:*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And with thy Spirit.

#### Offertory

The Sharing of the Bread & Wine  
*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy Spirit.  
*Officiant:* 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.

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The following anthem is said:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(All baptized persons are welcome at the altar. If you'd rather receive a blessing, come to the altar and cross your arms.)*

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 339  
*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.  
*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
*Amen.*

Blessing BCP 339  
Announcements  
Dismissal

THOSE ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE:  
Lector: Todd Johnson

UPCOMING SERVICES:  
12/15 Morning Prayer Rite II, Joyce Holden officiating  
12/22 Morning Prayer Rite I, Todd Johnson officiating  
12/24 Christmas Eve Service, Hymn Sing, 7 PM  
12/29 Morning Prayer Rite II, Joyce Holden officiating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/11 Advent Evening Prayer, 7 PM  
12/18 Advent Evening Prayer, 7 PM  
12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday  
12/22 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy & Fellowship  
12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary  
12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

THERE ARE NO SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK  
FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Matthew Linden; Bob Bird; Jamie & Marvin; Ridge; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Carol Rodriguez; Kristin & Matthew; Kathy Hunter; Carol Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Juan Perez; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Dan Buchin; Jim Barancin, suffering from prostate cancer; Antony Scioly; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker; Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY: our service men & women, especially those suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wendell Gibbs, our Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop-Elect; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; Grace Church, Boca Chica, DR; St Philip the Apostle, Santo Domingo, DR

PRAYERS FOR: refugees from all countries, especially the children

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