Morning Prayer
Sunday, September 13, 2020
8am and 10am

Welcome! This morning we are using prayers from Enriching Our Worship 1; the wording is different, so be sure to follow along in this bulletin!

Prelude
(8am) Improvisation on favorite hymns
Jay Lane
(10am) Beside the Still Waters
Gwyneth Walker

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Opening Sentence
God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

Confession of Sin
Let us confess our sins to God.
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.
Opening Versicle

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
And your glory all the day long.
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.

Please be seated.

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!
   When Israel came out of Egypt, *
   the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God’s sanctuary *
   and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
   Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
   and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
   O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
   you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
   at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
   and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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 Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit.
Canticle 8am: Said by all. 10am: Sung by all.

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

Please be seated.

The Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.
Hymn  (10am only)  Sung by all, standing.
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more his praises sing:
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.
Alleluia, alleluia! Wide yet his mercy flows.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
Please be seated.

The Third Reading  *(10am only)*

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*
The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
    born of the Virgin Mary,
    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,
    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
    and 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

God be with you.
And also with you.
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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
**And grant us your salvation.**
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
**Let your people sing with joy.**
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
**For only in you can we live in safety.**
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Let your way be known upon earth;
**Your saving health among all nations.**
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

St. Anne’s Collect during COVID

*Written by members of our Worship Committee*

Eternal and Unchanging God:

Be our sustainer in this time of uncertainty and fear.

Embrace those who have no care, those who are alone, those who yearn for touch and those who cannot touch.

While we maintain physical distance, knit us together in your Love.

Comfort and protect those most directly in harm’s way: the poor, the weary, those who sustain us, and those who bring care.

Wrap those who suffer in your healing Love, especially Jane, Mark Flanagan, Peter Caswell, Ann R., Connie Hoyack, Gretchen Doonan, Matt Burns, Martha Pickett, Mike Sheahan, Abby M., Tim Finn, Karleen Habin, James O’Brien, Blake Thomas, Lester MacFarlane, Arthur Burns, Brenda Ventress, Walter Hollister, and others we name either silently or aloud.

Stand with those who endure systemic racism and violence, and strengthen us to break the bonds of cruelty and injustice.

Give resilience and hope to all teachers and students as they prepare for an uncertain academic year. Lighten their burden and guide them to adapt learning to be effective and safe throughout the country and the world.
Welcome those who have died to dwell in your eternal presence, especially those we name either silently or aloud.

In your compassion, stand with us in our fear, keep watch with us in our darkness that we may come out the other side with eyes opened to the injustice around us and spirits burning to be your hands and feet of healing and peace.

This we ask in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The Offertory

Please consider writing a check and dropping it into the mail or scrolling down on the Worship Live page to make a gift to support the ongoing mission of St. Anne’s in-the-Fields. We are especially grateful for your support during this time.

Anthem  (10am only)  Please be seated.

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether

*Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name,*
*Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:*
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,*
*Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,*
*Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,*
*That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.*
*Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*
Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

Blessing & Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

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