

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church**  
**Evening Prayer**  
**October 23, 2024**  
**St. James of Jerusalem,**  
**Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr**

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. Ps. 96:9*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

**Invitatory and Psalter**

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

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

**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.**

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O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God  
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.

**Psalm 122**

I was glad when they said to me, \*

“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

**Now our feet are standing \***  
**within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

**To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \***  
**the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.**

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \***  
**“May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

**For my brethren and companions' sake, \***  
**I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

## Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

**The hills stand about Jerusalem; \***

**so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.**

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

**Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \***

**and to those who are true of heart.**

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with  
the evildoers; \*

but peace be upon Israel.

**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 Lesson

Isa. 65:17-25

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 15. The Song of Mary *Luke 1:46-55***

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;\*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \***

**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*

in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm, \***

**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things, \***

**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers, \***

**to Abraham and his children 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.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Matthew 10:16-22**

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

‘See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We share reflections on the day's scripture and readings.*

*What do you notice?*

*What is speaking to you?*

*What difference does it make?*

*In our divisive time, how is Christ creating bridges of peace through you?*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**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**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; 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 Peace**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Mission**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We offer intercessions and thanksgivings from our heart  
either silently or aloud or in the chat function.*

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Allison, Phoebe Babb, Kristin Baird, Bill, Bruna, Lydia Cedrone, Mike Claya, Ann Daily, Dave, Anthony DeCrosta, John DeNatale, Peggy Elkins, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Louise Haldeman, Lester Hartman, Karen Dodd Howard, Harvey Jacobvitz, Jeffrey, Jerry, John, Debra Katt-Lloyd, Linda Leavis, Kevin MacKenzie, Keith & Joanne Manville, Mark Martino, Nancy McAllister, Melissa, Becky Miller, Jennifer Morrell, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, Steve Newman, LeighAnn O'Neill, Jim O'Reilly, Emma Parese, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Kirk Ronaldson, Linda Shapiro, Carol Slaughter, Bill & Jan Walsh, Kelly Wood

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP p. 101**

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. Chrysostom**

**BCP p. 102**

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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*