



SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MORNING PRAYER: *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP RITE*  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020  
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST

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*"Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water" by Henry Ossawa Tanner, ~ 1907*

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

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*  
Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* And your glory all the day long.

*Officiant and People*

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Psalms 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b**

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

16 Then he called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household,  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

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**A Reading from the Book of Genesis** (37:1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us

go to Dothan.” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people  
*People*         Thanks be to God

**Canticle Q - A Song of Christ’s Goodness** *Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
    you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
    tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
    in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
    by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
    through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
    your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
    in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
    for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

### **The Gospel according to Matthew (14:22-33)**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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### **Sermon**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

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**

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.  
*People* And listen to our prayer.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

### *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.

### **Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

On the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda and The Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda & Bishop of Shyira.

In the Diocese of Montana, we pray for All Saint's, Big Sky and the Rev. Miriam Schmidt, ELCA Pastor.

In our St. Stephen's community, we pray for Buck, Dorothy, Miles, Ron and Susan.

*Collect of the Day*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**General Thanksgiving** (*from BCP, Rite II*)

*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.*

**Concluding 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*