

# **Morning Prayer**

## **Rite I**



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Johnstown, PA**

**July 9, 2023**

## **Hymn 11 “Awake, my soul”**

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise,  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;  
Disperse my sins as morning dew.  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
All I design, or do, or say,  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be  
always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my  
redeemer.*

## **Confession of Sin**

The Leader says to the people

*Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.*

Officiant and People together, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,

we have offended against thy 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.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Leader

*The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and  
remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of  
life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader            *O Lord, open thou our lips.*

People            And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Leader and People

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.

**Venite**    *Psalms 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the corners of the earth, \*

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.

## **Psalm 145:8-15**

### ***Exaltabo te, Deus***

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **The Lessons**

### **Old Testament Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with  
you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### ***The word of the Lord***

*Thanks be to God*

### **Jubilate Psalm 100**

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath 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 endureth from generation to generation.

## **New Testament     Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### ***The word of the Lord***

*Thanks be to God*

## **A Song of Praise     Benedictus es, Domine**

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*A reading from the Gospel of Matthew*

### **The Gospel    Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation?  
It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one  
another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He  
has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and  
they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax  
collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her  
deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise  
and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes,  
Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been  
handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son  
except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the  
Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy  
burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,  
and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and

you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### ***The word of the Lord***

*Thanks be to God*

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

Officiant and People together, all standing

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.

### **Offertory**

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings  
and come into his courts.*

### **Hymn 657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
all Thy faithful mercies crown.



Jesus, Thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## **The Prayers**

The people stand or kneel

Leader            *The Lord be with you.*

People            And with thy spirit.

Leader            *Let us pray.*

Leader 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 A

V. *O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*  
R. And grant us thy salvation.  
V. *Endue thy ministers with righteousness;*  
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.  
V. *Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;*  
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.  
V. *Lord, keep this nation under thy care;*  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. *Let thy way be known upon earth;*  
R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

*O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants Kenn & Cindy Leap, Amy Whitlow, Doris & Bill Horner, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Boyd Shultz, Nikki Forsythe, Maryann Marchl, Shawn McKinley, Charlotte Ditko, Rick McKinley, and Larry Oravetz. that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servants, especially Douglas Greig; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive them more and more into thy joyful service, that with all who have faithfully served thee in the past, they may share in the eternal*

*victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *The Collect of the Day*

*O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *A Collect for Sundays*

*O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

*O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### *A Collect for Peace*

*O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### *A Collect for Grace*

*O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### *A Collect for Guidance*

*O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **Hymn 516 “Come down, O Love divine”**

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.*

*Let us bless the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

### **Hymn 482 “Lord of all hopefulness”**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.*

***The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***09 July 2023***

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

All Seminarians, Postulants, Candidates for Holy Orders  
and the  
Commission on Ministry

**Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God**

For the Health and Well Being of  
Ken & Cindy Leap  
From Our St. Mark's Family

In Loving Memory of  
Douglas Greig  
First Anniversary  
July 9, 2022  
From Your Friends at the Pet Pantry

**Next Week's Readings**

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through transformational  
worship and service.*

