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Morning Prayer | Rite II Proper 25 | Year A





WELCOME

The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye A. Wilson

Voice of the People: Stephen Bartley





OPENING SENTENCE

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling

Psalm 43:3



CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant & People

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant

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.**



THE INVITATORY

Officiant O Lord, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People 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.

THE INVITATORY

Antiphon:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come, let us adore him.

Invitatory

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our Salvation
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God *

For the Lord is a great God,* and a great King above all gods. *continued*

THE INVITATORY

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,* and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!



PSALM 1 | PAULINE PARCHMENT

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 - nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

PSALM 1 | PAULINE PARCHMENT

- ⁴ It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 - nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.
- 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.

OLD TESTAMENT | ALTHEA ARCHER

A reading from the book of Leviticus, chapter 19, verses 1 to 2, and 15 to 18.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

OLD TESTAMENT | ALTHEA ARCHER

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



CANTICLE 16 | SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

CANTICLE 16 | SONG OF ZECHARIAH

to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, continued

CANTICLE 16 | SONG OF ZECHARIAH

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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.



THE EPISTLE | JOAN BRYAN

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Church in Thessalonica, chapter 2, verses 1 to 8.

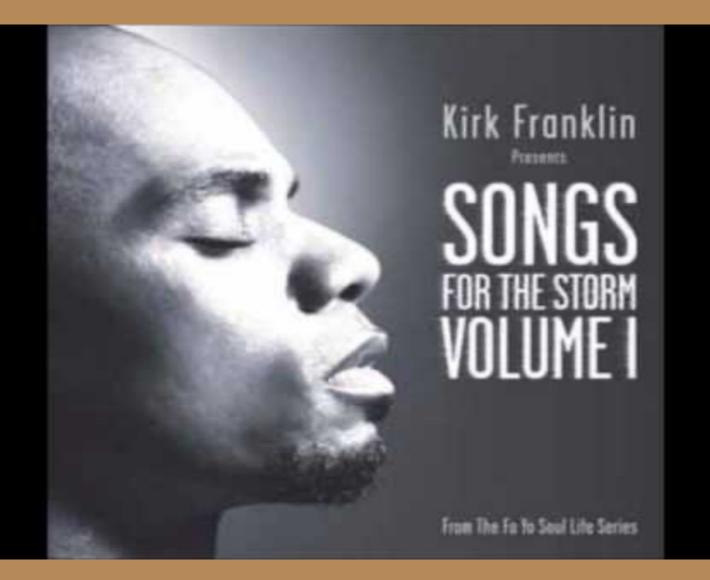
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please

THE EPISTLE | JOAN BRYAN

God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel According to Matthew, chapter 22, verses 34 to 46.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first

THE GOSPEL

commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I

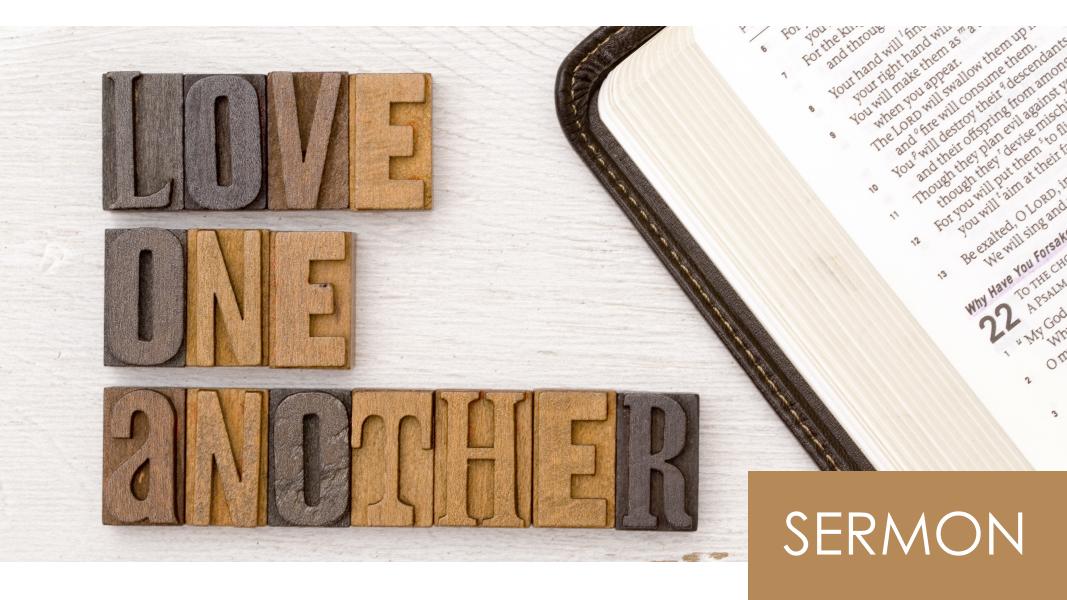
THE GOSPEL

put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





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 LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE 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.

THE SUFFRAGES

- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.



THE COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECTS

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Friends, the Lord has been our refuge from one generation to another. Let us pray to our God, saying, "Show your servants your works, O Lord, and be gracious to us."

We pray for the leaders of the Church. Give bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders gentle and loving hearts. Empower us to share the gospel and ourselves with those in need.

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for all humankind. Prosper the work of our hands.

May all those who work earn a fair wage. May those without work find strength and encouragement in your love. Give us hearts to respect the dignity of every human being.

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for all creation. You brought forth the mountains. You gave birth to the land of the earth. Give us the desire and will to care for all you have made.

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

We pray for the areas in which we live. O God, we want to obey what you command. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Show your servants your works, O Lord, **And be gracious to us.**

We pray for the afflicted and the suffering. And we pray for those who weep and mourn. Nurse them back to health as a mother tenderly nurses her children.

Show your servants your works, O Lord, **And be gracious to us.**

We pray for those who have died. Though we are swept away like a dream in this mortal life, you promise to raise us to life immortal through your Son. May your graciousness, O Lord, be upon us.

Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

We will now pray for those who wished to add their petitions and thanksgivings.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries including: Violet Wilson and Alice Miller

We welcome and pray for newborn Amaya Grant and offer congratulations to proud parents Desiree and Osayande Grant, and her grandmother Sandra Lawrence-Simpson.

We pray for those of us who are ill or are in mourning;

We pray for those of us who care for sick, infirm, or elderly family and friends;

We pray for those of us who suffer, and do so in silence;

We pray for first responders, especially Dale Marie McKie, Desiree Grant, and Osayande Grant.

Please include the following people and families in your daily prayers.

Althea Archer
Tricia Archer & Family
Lionel Brown
Edris Bryan
Percival Chester
Mary Crawford

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Edgar Francis Loren Jay Natasha Lovejoy Janet McPhoy Gertrude Nebblett Lucille Nurse Vernon Van Rossum

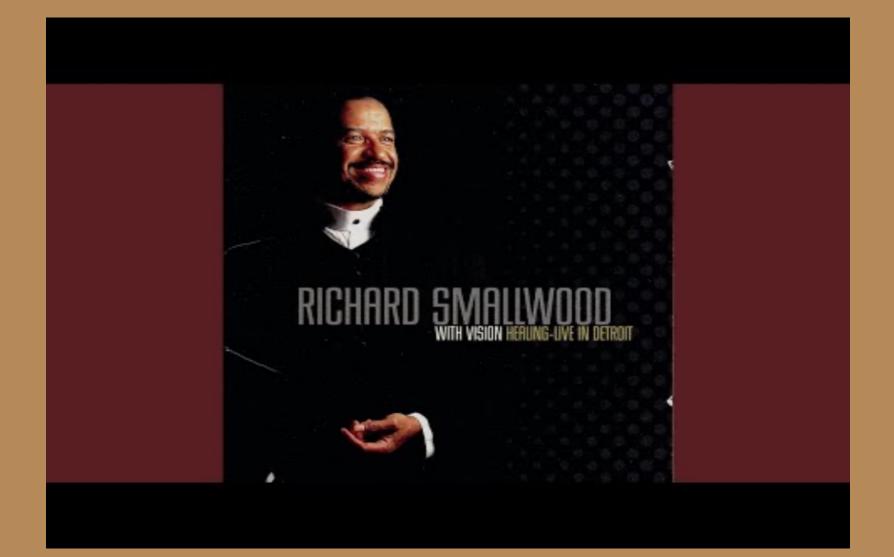
Please include the following people and families in your daily prayers.

Ann Robinson & Family
Walker Family
Deacon Anita Williams
Rosalind Meriku & Jeffery O'Brien who mourn the passing of Margaret Headley

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you asking for healing for our sick. You carry our burdens and suffered death on the cross so that we would have life abundantly. Hold them in your tender arms. Set their bodies free from pain. Soothe their worries. Console their fears. Guide those who care for them. Most of all, be present with them throughout their illness. We ask this in the name of the One who draws us near, and whose compassion knows no bounds. Amen.

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. **Amen**.



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.

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in our community. For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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 wellbeloved 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.

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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



WHEN TO VOTE

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 3, 2020

EARLY VOTING is October 24 to November 1

You must wear a mask to all Board of Elections and polling sites.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Apply online by **October 27, 2020** at https://nycabsentee.com Call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692)

The Board of Elections Borough Offices will have extended hours from **Wednesday**, **October 21 to Sunday**, **November 1**, **2020**. Absentee Ballots may be:

- Mailed
- Dropped of at a Board of Elections location
- Dropped off at an Early Voting Location

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting takes place from October 24, 2020 to November 1, 2020. Your Early Voting Site may not be the same as your regular voting site.

To find the location, and hours for your Early Voting Site:

Visit www.findmypollsite.vote.nyc

Call 1 866 VOTE NYC or 1 866 868 3692

ELECTION DAY

Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020. To find the location of your polling site and view a sample ballot:

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