

RAISING UP OUR CHILDREN  
Celebrating Children's Ministries  
Honoring Sheryll Grogan and Lorraine Kamholtz

Daily Morning Prayer  
Sunday, October 11, 2020

**OPENING SENTENCE**

*Rev. Christopher says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Rev. Christopher says to God's People*

Trusting in the grace won for us by Jesus, we confess our sins to God

*Silence is kept.*

*The People of God pray 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.

*Rev. Christopher alone says*

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

**OPENING HYMN**

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**VERSICLE**

*Rev. Christopher*  
*People*

Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

### **ANTIPHON**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

### **INVITATORY**

*Please join me in the Invitatory by praying together after the asterisk*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **ANTIPHON**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

## **The Lessons**

### **READING**

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: 106.1-5**

*Please pray this portion of Psalm 106 with me, responding with one voice after the asterisk.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,\*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord\*  
or show forth all his praise?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who act with justice\*  
and always do what is right!

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people\*  
and visit me with your saving help;

<sup>5</sup> That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people\*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

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.

**CANTICLE:** A Song of Our True Nature

*Julian of Norwich*

*Please join me in A Song of Our True Nature by praying together after the asterisk*

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature;\*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

**READING: Philippians 4:4-9**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**CANTICLE: A Song of True Motherhood**

*Julian of Norwich*

*Please join me in A Song of True Motherhood by praying together after the asterisk*

God chose to be our mother in all things \*  
and so made the foundation of his work,  
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.  
God, the perfect wisdom of all, \*  
arrayed himself in this humble place.  
Christ came in our poor flesh \*  
to share a mother's care.  
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; \*  
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.  
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, \*  
until the full time of his passion.  
And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, \*  
still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.  
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, \*  
for the love of Christ works in us;  
Christ is the one whom we love.

**THE GOSPEL: Luke 9.46-48**

A Reading from Luke

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

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Raising Up Our Children

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**PRESENTATION TO SHERYLL GROGAN AND LORRAINE KAMHOLTZ**

Rev. Christopher and Rev. Karen offer symbols gratitude from the people of St. John's.

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**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

*The People of God profess together*

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

*Rev. Christopher*       The Lord be with you.  
*People*                   And also with you.  
*Rev. Christopher*       Let us pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The People of God prays together*

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.

### **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.

### **PRAYERS FROM THE COMMUNITY--RAISING UP OUR CHILDREN**

#### **COLLECTS**

*Catie Clark*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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*Cecil Clarke*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

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*Corey Gonsalvez*

Holy and loving God, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth,

but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*Rev. Karen*

Playful God in Heaven,  
we thank You that You called Sheryll and Lorraine to take part for many years in the instruction of young people at St. John's.

Their passion has provided a deep insight into the nature of your love and a clearer understanding of Your Word in the World.

Give them content hearts and grateful minds,  
resting well that they have given all they can  
to every child for many years.

Their ministry is now bearing fruit of boys and girls who have grown up to be bearers of your mercy, workers for your justice, and carriers of your peace.

May they be blessed with memories of the laughter and joy that they have so dutifully planted in the hearts of all.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, who welcomed all children and blessed them with joy and laughter. *Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

*Rev. Christopher*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

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## **A 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 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.*

## **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

*Rev. Christopher:* Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

*Rev. Christopher*

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.*

## **EXCHANGE OF GOD'S PEACE**

*If you wish to share peace with one another, feel free to 'unmute' yourself to be heard among your brothers and sisters.*