ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA MORNING PRAYER FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

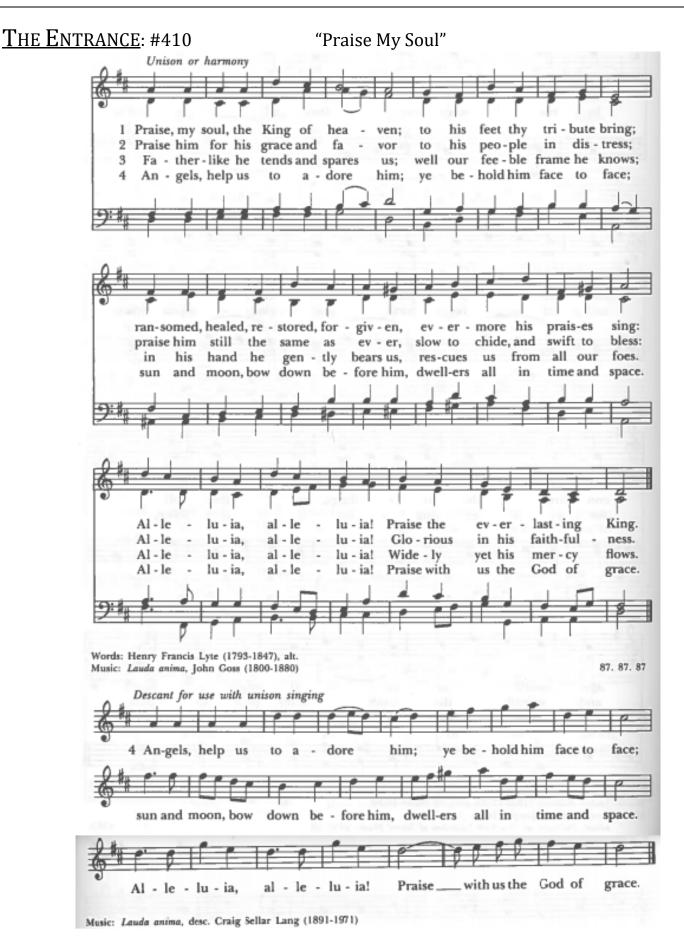
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Prelude: "Voluntary" James



THE OPENING

Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Versicle and Response

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.

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:

Come let us adore him.

Venite

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, * and a great King above all gods.

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!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, And will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth: **Come let us adore him.**

THE RESPONSE

Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21

The Song of Moses, The Song of Miriam

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my might,

and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a warrior;

the Lord is his name.

"Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;

his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power--

your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;

you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,

the floods stood up in a heap;

the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,

I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;

they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

awesome in splendor, doing wonders?"

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Gloria Patri

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

Exodus 14:19-31 Terrie Collins

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Canticle 16
The Song of Zechariah
Benedictus Dominus Deus
Luke 1:68-79

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, * 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. 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 New Testament Lesson (Romans 14:1-12)

Vera Redin

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

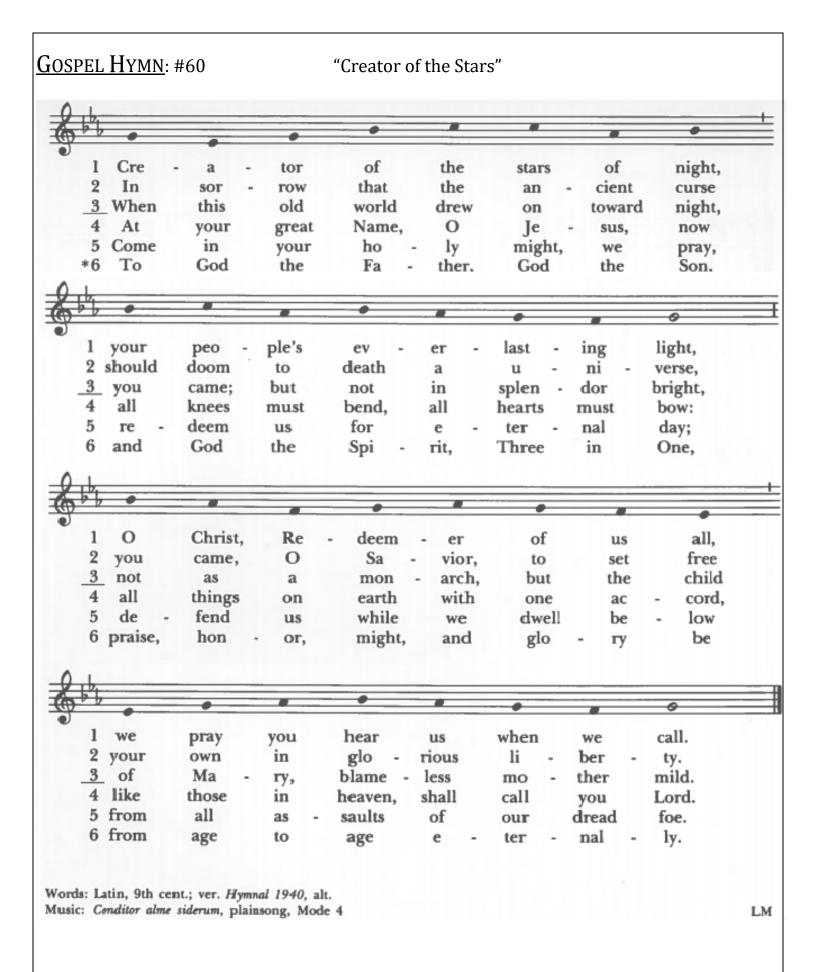
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21 You are God Te Deum laudamus

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.



The Gospel (Matthew 18: 21-35)

Marsha Clark

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Farrell Graves, PhD

THE APOSTLE'S 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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Collect of the Day: Proper 19

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Mission

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

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Croatia.

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers members of the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

We pray to the LORD, to the God who is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Lord, you are our refuge and strength.

We pray for our communities:

for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those affected by the fires in the west and other climate-related events; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are in the midst of us:

help us in our time of trouble.

We pray for the young and those in education:

for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are our refuge and strength:

let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.

We pray for key workers:

for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for pharmacy workers, dispensing medicine, and social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, be with us in our time of need:

help us to do what has been asked of us, and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them.

We pray for the police:

for those public servants on whom we call to protect, to serve, and to defend justice and our constitutional rights. May they be shielded from all danger and guided in the exercise of their civic duties by profound respect for the humanity of all.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

We pray for the world:

for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, may the nations hear your voice: and know that you are God, supreme among the nations, supreme over all the world.

We pray for those who are sick:

for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer, and for those on our prayer needs lists, especially Robert Jones, Legrand Phelps, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Earl Miller, Jack Brennan, Patricia Russo, and Kathryn Bradley.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant:

bring us comfort and healing, for you are always willing to save.

We pray for the Church:

for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Episcopal Church; for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Rob, our bishop, for Fr. Farrell, Deacon Jean, and Deacon Mike, and for all who minister to the sick and the dying.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, you are in the midst of us:

keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works, and make us to be lights in the darkness.

We pray for those who have died:

for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; and for those who have no one to remember them.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

We pray for our nation:

God of our Salvation, you have ordained that we should serve you in serving one another:

Look upon this nation, burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties, with infection, sickness, and untimely death.

Grant us grace to work together, with honest and faithful hearts, each caring for the good of all; that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness, we may have added to us all things that we need for our daily sustenance and the common good.

Silent prayer

The LORD of hosts is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Lord, may those who have waited for you and hoped in your word know your steadfast love face to face.

We offer up our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers, and hear the voice of our supplications, as we, who trust in your word, eagerly await your help:

for you are the God of our salvation.
This we ask through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer when one cannot celebrate the Eucharist

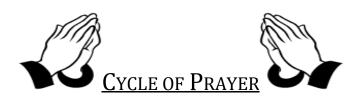
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. Amen.

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.**



The Ending		
Benediction		
Let us bless the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. (2 Corinthians 13:14)		
Postlude:	"Triumph"	Broughton
ANNOUNCEMENT: Ramp for Jean	Gillette	
Once lumber is available, First Baptist Church plans to build a ramp for Jean Gillette, but they need some volunteers to help. David Brownfield will be collecting names and will inform those volunteers once the project can be scheduled. Thank you.		
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<u>Please pray for the following:</u>

IN OUR WORLD: St. James the Fisherman in Shallotte

IN OUR DIOCESE: St. Peter's in Washington San Adres in Santo Domingo

IN OUR COMMUNITY: New Beginnings Commnity Church, Jessie Mae Monroe

Elementary School, and Hope Harbor Home

IN OUR PARISH: Janet Thompson, Peter Tietjen, Jack & Martie Tttle, and

Charles Torregrossa

For Healing:

Acute Needs: Robert Jones, Legrand Phelps, Carolyn Foley, Conrad Hendricksen, Earl

Miller, Jack Brennan, Patricia Russo, and Kathryn Bradley.

Ongoing Needs:

Kyla Agrimonti Sterling Gray Fran White Donna Hinds Jerry Block Jean Gillette Ann Alexander Frank Dieter Joseph Campbell Richard Wood Margaret Pazdan Janet Thompson Sally Manifold Vicki Kay Susan Weber Walker Smallwood

David Rohr Jannie Anello Martie Tittle

Members of our Armed Forces & First Responders and their families

We offer Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birthdays and Anniversaries of the following:

Sep 13: Phil Sprouse

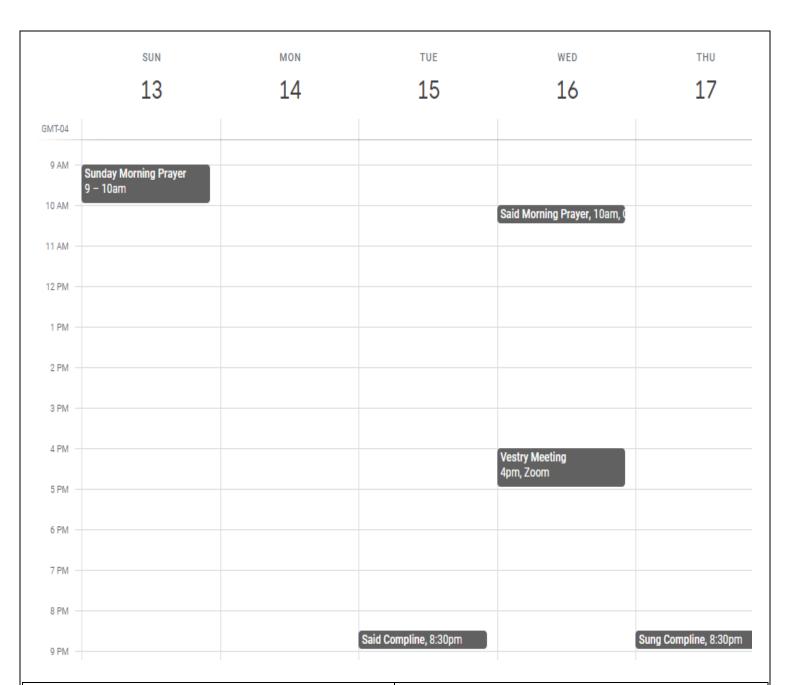
Sep 15: Telina West, Betty Swain

Sep 16: Gordon Dolph

Sep 18: Rolf & Vera Redin, Gail Childers

Those on the Acute list will be prayed for by name during our services. All requested prayers are included in the daily Intercessory Prayers of the Rector and DOK for 1 month. Those not renewed by phone/card to the church office or through a DOK member will be removed. We ask the parish at large to uphold the names on both lists in their daily prayers.

Our Daughters of the King also maintain the prayer alcove with vigil candles for your use in meditation.



BISHOP, CLERGY, AND LAYLEADERS THE RT. REV. ROBERT SKIRVING – BISHOP

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VESTRY

RON STEPHENS – SENIOR WARDEN (2021)
TOM FERNANDEZ – JR. WARDEN (2020)
BILL CHASE – PROGRAMS LIAISON (2021)
NANCY DOUGHERTY – WORSHIP LIAISON (2020)
BOB LYNOTT – STEWARDSHIP LIAISON (2020)
GARY FREEMAN – OUTREACH LIAISON (2021)
HEATHER HOLBROOK – COMMUNICATIONS
LIAISON (2022)
EARL MILLER – ENDOWMENT LIAISON (2022)

ANNE NEELY – COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON (2022)

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