



**July 30, 2023 – Morning Prayer Rite II  
9th Sunday after Pentecost – Ordinary Time  
St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR  
Carolyn Brown, Officiant**

**Prelude** *(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)*

**Opening Hymn 751 LEV** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

**Greeting / Welcome**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

On this day the Lord has acted;

***we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

**Collect for Today** *(We will say together)*

***O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen***

**Confession of Sin** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*  
Officiant and People together

***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.***

Officiant: 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.***

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

ALL ***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.***

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b** ***Confitemini Domino*** *(Let us read together)*

***<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.***

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

***<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.***

***<sup>4</sup> Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.***

- <sup>5</sup> **Remember the marvels he has done, \***  
*his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*
- <sup>6</sup> **O offspring of Abraham his servant, \***  
*O children of Jacob his chosen.*
- <sup>7</sup> **He is the LORD our God; \***  
*his judgments prevail in all the world.*
- <sup>8</sup> **He has always been mindful of his covenant, \***  
*the promise he made for a thousand generations:*
- <sup>9</sup> **The covenant he made with Abraham, \***  
*the oath that he swore to Isaac,*
- <sup>10</sup> **Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \***  
*an everlasting covenant for Israel,*
- <sup>11</sup> **Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \***  
*to be your allotted inheritance."*
- <sup>45b</sup> **Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Hymn # 217 LEV**                    "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand"

**A Reading from The Gospel of Matthew 13:31-33,44-52**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 95:1-7    Come Let Us Sing    Venite (let us say together)**

**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!*

Reflection:

“On Prayer”

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The Apostles' Creed (let us say 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 Peace *(please stay in your pew)*

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- **And also with you.**

The Prayers

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Prayers of the People Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. **And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit**

**Prayers of the People – Form V (BCP p. 389)**

**Response:** We pray to you O Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** *(let us say together)*

***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 General Thanksgiving** *(let us say together)*

***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 people. 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.***

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia***

**Birthdays, Anniversaries**

**Prayer Requests and Travelling Mercies**

**Announcements**

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.**

**Closing Hymn #120 LEV** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

**Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia***

**Postlude** *(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)*