



“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

January 29, 2023



Welcome to Church of Our Savior. We are a part of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. We proudly uphold the traditional faith and values of our Anglican heritage, while seeking new ways to reach people with the transformational love of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior over heaven and earth and that He has called those who follow Him to be His witnesses in the world. Those who put their faith in Him have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a new life, a resurrection life. We believe that because Jesus rose from the dead all people can experience the promise of abundant life through a personal relationship with Him.

The great Christian thinker C.S. Lewis once described the transformational power of walking through life with Jesus when he wrote:

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

It is our hope and prayer that as you join us you will know for yourself the unconditional love and grace of Our Savior Jesus Christ, in your own life.

The Rev. David Ball

Morning Prayer

Welcome

-The Congregation is invited to stand

Opening Hymn: *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that calms my fears
That bids my sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

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Opening Sentence of Scripture

- The Officiant may begin Morning Prayer by reading an opening sentence of Scripture.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. - *PHILIPPIANS 1:2*

Confession of Sins

- The Officiant says to the People.

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in His presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to declare His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and others, those things necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, come with me to the throne of heavenly grace as we pray together.

- All who are able are invited to kneel.

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Your 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; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

- The Officiant says to the People.

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

- All please stand.

The Invitatory

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: *The Lord's name be praised.*

The Jubilate “Be Joyful” *Psalm 100*

-All say together.

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.

Praise Song

Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven

Who else could make every king bow down

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles

Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
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Instrumental

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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- The congregation may be seated.

First Lesson - Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I

am, Lord.”¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

Second Lesson - Luke 15:1-7

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Homily—The Rev. David Ball

The Apostles’ Creed

- All please stand and 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 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 congregation may kneel, stand, or be seated.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

- All pray 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.*

Officiant: O Lord, show us Your mercy;

People: *And grant us Your salvation.*

Officiant: O Lord, save our nations;

People: *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant: Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;

People: *And make Your chosen people joyful.*

Officiant: O Lord, save Your people;

People: *And bless Your inheritance.*

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: *For only in You can we live in safety.*

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: *And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.*

Collects for the Day

-The Officiant prays.

Heavenly Father, You made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You: Look upon the heartfelt desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the strong hand of Your Majesty to be our defense against our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.

O God our King, by the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, You conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise You and to do Your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of Your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Missions

- All pray together.

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.

- *The congregation is invited to offer up their own prayers and petitions.*

The General Thanksgiving

- *All pray 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 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.
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.*

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

- *The Officiant continues in prayer.*

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications 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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

- *All stand*

Closing Hymn

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Closing Sentence of Scripture

- *The Officiant concludes the service.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.** - *Ephesians 3:20-21*

- *Please be seated for announcements.*