Devotional Song  

Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Opening Acclamation

**Officiant**  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**  And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
The Collect for Purity *(in unison)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: *Gloria in excelsis* *(in unison)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
    we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading  
*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.
He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b (in unison)

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done,*
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.
17 He sent a man before them,*
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
18 They bruised his feet in fetters,*
his neck they put in an iron collar.
19 Until his prediction came to pass,*
the word of the LORD tested him.
20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.
21 He set him as a master over his household, 
as a ruler over all his possessions,
22 To instruct his princes according to his will
   and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who
does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not
say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who
will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is
Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one
believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no
distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call
on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe
in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim
him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful
are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Song Speak, Lord, I’m Listening lyrics on screen

The Holy Gospel

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came,
he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind
was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the
disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.
But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Matthew 14:22-33
Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Deacon   The Gospel of the Lord.
People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev’d Dr. Steve Clifton

After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God’s word to us.

The Nicene Creed (in unison)  BCP, 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (sung)  lyrics on screen

In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions:  
in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home,  
or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.
Deacon  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People (in unison)
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.

Priest  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.
People  Amen.

The Peace

Officiant  The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

Announcements or other notices may follow here.

The Offertory

The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.

All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.
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or by postal mail to:
St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church
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Offertory Anthem  Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  J. Newton, C. Tomlin, L. Giglio
Soloist: Cathy Palomino

Officiant  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)  words on screen

THE SENDING FORTH OF GOD’S PEOPLE

God’s Blessing (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)
Closing Song

We have Decided to Follow Jesus

by James E. Byrne

1. We have decided to follow Jesus.
2. For He has called us to be His people.
3. He is among us to heal our sorrow.
4. He goes before us unto His Father.
5. He sends His Spirit to be our comfort.
6. Oh, come be with us, our Risen Savior!
7. Repeat vs. 1.

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The Dismissal

Deacon  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People    Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!
Please remember in your prayers:


Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kerin Hewitt (cousin of Maisie Reddy).

Please give thanks for:

*Birthdays:* Jackie Reeder 8/13

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