

St. John's Worship Plan for Noon Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Commemorating Joseph Butler, Bishop and Theologian

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*        ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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.***

*The following is said, all standing*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*        ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

O God, who raises up scholars for your church in every generation; we praise you for the wisdom and insight granted to your bishop and theologian Joseph Butler, and pray that your church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>15</sup>What is crooked cannot be made straight,  
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

<sup>16</sup>I said to myself, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." <sup>17</sup>And I applied my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a chasing after wind.

<sup>18</sup>For in much wisdom is much vexation,  
and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow.

Reader            Here ends the Lesson.

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM 1

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>***but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.***

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>***The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.***

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>***for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25–28

*All stand.*

Deacon            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

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

## JOSEPH BUTLER

Butler first established a reputation as a preacher at the Rolls Chapel, London, where his famous Fifteen Sermons were delivered and published. He wrote the *Analogy of Religion* under very different circumstances, as rector of the small parish of Stanhope in the north of England. He was elected Bishop of Bristol and served most admirably in that post for twelve years before accepting the bishopric of Durham, in which position he died in 1752. Bishop Butler was a great pastor, who served the minds as well as the bodies and spirits of his people.

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

*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: FORM IV

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

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

In the St. John's family, we pray for Virginia, Emma, Ferris, William, Karen, Gloria, Susan, Bill, Mike, Al & Jane, Sharon, Ted, Ida, Linda, Sandy, and all our ministries: the Vestry, the altar guild, buildings and grounds, our children's, youth, and family, the choir, the Shared Ministry Development Team, the finance team, for Al, Amy, Kevin, Rev. Pam, and Fr. Curt.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and Skip our Assisting Bishop.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember today The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England (*York Province*).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, West Branch – Luke Stefanovsky, Sr. Warden.

From the Diocese of Western Michigan we pray for St. Peter's Seasonal Chapel, Lake Leelanau – James McLean, Chaplain. We pray also for Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Sisters Diane Stier and Linda-Susan Beard.

Locally we pray for our fellow Episcopalians at St. Matthew's and St. Paul's, as well as our partners with Interfaith Saginaw.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

God of every aspect of our lives, help us to hear clearly what you are asking of us each day, whatever situation we find ourselves in. You are the God who calls us to stay where we are or to move at your bidding: to seek and speak courageously, sharing your love, defending the vulnerable and bringing dignity to those who have no voice. Help us to sense your presence, in perseverance and in hope, in those everyday places which can be continuously renewed by your grace. ***Amen.***

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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.*

*The Priest stands and 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.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*              ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.  
People            *And also with you.*  
Celebrant        Lift up your hearts.  
People            *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People            *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

## EPICLESIS

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

For those worshipping online who are not able to receive Holy Communion at this time, I invite you to pray with me:

*Jesus, my Lord and my God, Son of the living God and Son of the Virgin Mary: I believe that you are here and I adore you. Because you have said, "This is my Body," I believe that you are present here in the fullness of your humanity and divinity. With the angels of heaven and with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, I kneel in humble adoration. Jesus, my Lord, I adore you, O make me love you more and more. Amen.*

### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

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