



Compline

Night Church

Contemplative Evening Worship Sundays at five O'clock
St. John's Huntington, WV

Portions of this service are adapted from the Prayer Books of the Church of Ireland, the Church of England, the Scottish Book of Common Prayer, Celtic Daily Prayer Book 2, The Iona Community Worship, The Book of Uncommon Prayer, by Steven Chase and the Anglican Church of New Zealand.

Welcome. Relax. God is with us.



The Liturgy of the Word of God begins.

*The silence is our invitation into the heart of God. The people may choose to close their eyes and enjoy offering quiet prayers before the service begins. **In this liturgy, the people's response is in bold text.***

A chime sounds, our service begins. You may remain seated.

The Officiant says:
Beloved in Christ,
we come together
to offer to Almighty God
our worship and
praise of thanksgiving,

to confess our sins
and to receive God's forgiveness,

to hear his holy Word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs
and the needs of the world,

and to pray that
in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him
and know the greatness
of his love.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: One thing I have asked of the Lord,
This is what I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life;
To behold the beauty of the Lord
And to seek him in his temple.**

One: Who is it that you seek?

All: We seek the Lord our God.

One: Do you seek him with all your heart?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your soul?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your mind?

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

One: Do you seek him with all your strength?

All: Amen. Christ have mercy.

The Officiant or Cantor sings or says:

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

**All sing or say: Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy**

The Officiant says: The Lord is here.

The People say: God's Spirit is with us.

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: Lord Jesus stay with us
for evening is at hand and the day is past;
be our companion in the way,
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,
that we may know you
as you are revealed in Scripture.
Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

The Readings we hear are from the Revised Common Lectionary appointed for this day.

The readings can be found at the end of this Order of Service.

When the reading ends, the Reader says: The word of the Lord.

The People Respond: Thanks be to God

We stand for the gospel. Thank you.

When the Gospel is announced the people respond: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the Gospel is ended the people respond: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

A Devotion may be offered.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is sung or said.

**I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity.
By invocation of the same.
The three in one and one in three.**

**I bind unto myself today
The great love of the living word
The wisdom of my God to teach
His hand to guide his shield to ward**

**I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven
The glorious sun's life giving ray
The fruits of earth so freely given**

**I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead
His eye to watch his might to stay
His ear to hearken to my need.**

**I bind unto myself today
The way of Christ in the life and death
The call of God to jubilee
In broken chains and cancelled death.**

The Prayers are offered.

Leader: Gathering our hearts and minds, we pray for God's people and the world.

Pray for this fragile earth,
our island home...
Pray that we would be
her good stewards
and she would withstand
our abuse. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the Church ...
Pray that where it is right
God will strengthen it,
and where it is in error
God will direct it.

Pray that God will fill the Church
with all truth and peace. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the joy of human life,
with all its wonder and surprises.

Pray we would remember
that all people are created
in the very image of God. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for the poor, the sick,
the destitute, and the dying,
in the full knowledge
that God looks with special favor
upon those in greatest need. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for our families,
friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone. *Prolonged Silence*
Pray in thanksgiving
for all the blessings of this life,
and for the promise
of the next.

Pray that we may live
not by our fears
but by our hopes,
not by our words
but by our deeds. *Prolonged Silence*

Pray for ourselves and others either silently or aloud:

*(You may say your prayer out loud, silently and even at the same time
as another person. It's our joy to pray for what is in your heart.)*

The Officiant ends the prayers saying:

May the Lord our God grant these, our prayers and petitions, as may be best for us and grant us comfort, strength and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession is made.

The Officiant says: Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
In the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
We have sinned through our**

**own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,
And renew our lives
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Officiant will pray for Absolution with these words:

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free.
Know that we are forgiven and are at *peace*. **Amen.**

The Song of Mary

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
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 Lord's Prayer

**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 thine is the power,
and thine is the glory,
for ever and ever.
If spoken: Amen.
If Sung: Amen. Amen. Amen.
(then softly) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Prolonged Silence

All: Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.

One: Father, bless the work that is done, and the work that is to be.
Father, bless the servants we are, and the servants that we will be.

All: Thou Lord and God of power, shield and sustain me this night.
I will lie down this night with God, and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ, and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit, and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit, be lying down with me.

The Blessing, Peace & Dismissal

The Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ go with us,
Wherever He may send us,
May He guide us through the wilderness,
protect us through the storm.
May He bring us home rejoicing
At the wonders he has shown us.
May He bring us home rejoicing once again into these doors. **Amen.**

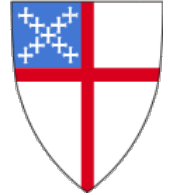
The Dismissal

Christ, King of Tenderness,
bind us with a bond that cannot be broken.
Bind us with a bond of *love* that cannot be broken.
My brothers and sisters,
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you, let us share in that peace together! Amen.



**We're glad you joined us.
Join us next Sunday evening too!**

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Sunday closest to October 12



Year A
Proper 23
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Track 1

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to

consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Response

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Prayers for our St. John's Community

We pray for each other.

You may ask to have a name added to our list of those for whom we pray. Simply contact the parish office at office@stjohnshuntingtonwv.org or call 304-525-9105. We keep names on the list for **one calendar month**. You may renew at the beginning of each month.

We pray for all those sick or suffering, for those seeking prayer or guidance and for the departed.

You can also say the name aloud or silently during the prayers themselves. It is our privilege to pray for those you care about.

We pray for our own needs and those of others.

For the Diocese of WV, our Bishop and all churches: especially for the Episcopal Churches of Huntington; St. John's, Trinity and St. Peter's.

For our Seminarian: Klara

For St. John's as we search for a new Rector: Almighty God, give of every good gift, look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who will choose a Rector in this church, that we may receive a pastor who will care for your people, equip us for our ministries and reach out to all your children in love.

For the ill or those with health concerns: Tyler and Brady, Jacky, Ann, Sue, Martha Blount, Lelah, John, Teresa, Rufus, Bill, Megan, Charles, Monica, June, Sharon, Jon, Lois, Laura, Jonathan, Bobby, Quentin, Dick, Callie, Jessie, Leo, Bob, Skip, Stacy, Frank, Elizabeth, Daisy, Sean, Sharon, James, Christie, Brian, Ray Jr., Amy, Richard, Sonya, Katharine, Michelle, Vic, Ed, Debbie, Alice, Linda, Father Watkins, Kris, Linda, Geneva, Nick, Cassie, Cohen, Jillian, Lance, James, Terry, Cora, Nedra, Gabe, Matthew, Josiah, Susan, Elsie, Carol, Giles, Amanda, Susan, Joe, Lelah, Andy, Andrea

For those with cancer or in remission: David, Jeanne, Betty Sue, Hannah, Larry, Chris, Tom, Evelyn, Will, Frank, Willie, Cindy, Joan, B.J., Wilma, Emillie, Joyce, Dale, Michelle, Keith, John, Angie, Raymond, Kelly, Maggie, Julie, Sarah

For those in need of any prayer: Scott, Esther, Marty, Tom, Elizabeth, Jacob, Travis, Michel, Lisa, Tiffany, Andres, Shane, Eric, Jennifer, Hannah, Drew, Mike, Nicole, Alex, Betsy, James, the Michaelson, Dale and Trimper families.

For racial equality: O God of infinite mercy, we live in a land where the native peoples were moved, often by force, from the bountiful lands they inhabited to places of desolation. Help us to support them now as they seek to retain their rich native

cultures. Open our eyes to the poverty and despair that so often accompany them through life, and give us the courage and will to change the systems that perpetuate injustice. *(from The Diocese of WV Commission on Racism)*

For this time of pandemic: O almighty and merciful God, with whom are the issues of life and death: Grant us, we beseech thee, help and deliverance in this time of grievous sickness and mortality, and sanctify to us this affliction, that in our sore distress we may turn our hearts unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(from The Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1929)*

For Students, Teachers, Administrators and Support Personnel: Bless the school year ahead – fill it with compassion for those making difficult decisions, comfort to parents wondering how to manage home, work, and school, strength to teachers developing new ways of teaching and calm to students as they navigate thru new ways of leaning. Remind us to see our neighbors as ourselves and Christ in all that we meet. Let us continue to seek your wisdom, and look for signs of your love and care all around us.

For Doctors and Nurses: Sanctify, O Lord, those you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

For those in harm's way and for all first responders: especially Tim, David, Edward, Jared, Ryan, Joey, Cody, Josh, Clay, Andy, Robert, Curt, Jordan, Kristen, Christopher, Tyler

God of compassion, you created a world for us to know your love and peace yet, amidst the beauty of creation, we encounter pain and hurt and forces beyond our control. At times like these our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow at the destruction of lives, homes and livelihoods. Hear our prayers for those affected by natural disasters, illness and war and the turmoil in our nation and for all those working to bring relief, hope and calm.

For those celebrating birthdays: Cora Teel (10/3), Ronald Morgan (10/5), Thomas Balch (10/8), David Castleberry (10/8), Wendell Dobbs (10/13), Rachel Peckham (10/15), Glen Crouse (10/20), Anna Freidin (10/21), John Proctor (10/21), Karen Proctor (10/22), Philip Vinson (10/23), Lynn Butler (10/26), Fisher Cross (10/26), Michael Rednour-Hallman (10/26), Clark Ackison (10/27), Darius Atefat-Peckham (10/27), Kate Morris (10/30), Mary Ogden (10/31)

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jackson and Michael Rednour-Hallman (10/4), Susan and Neil Bouchillon (10/26)

For all those who have died, especially Charles Regula. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, keep in your special care these, our beloved. Wipe away the tears of those whose grief runs deep. Help us to encourage each other throughout this troubled life. Keep us steadfast in faith, constant in hope and ardent in love and bring us all into that place you have prepared in your heavenly kingdom.

For those who mourn: Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with those who mourn. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Communion with Christ

*(This prayer is from the Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Services
and is prescribed for use with your devotions when Communion is not available)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated. I desire to offer to 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 in the life to come. Amen.