

St Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose, CA
Morning Prayer, Tuesday, Aug 4, 2020¹
Commemoration of Joanna, Mary, and Salome, The Myrrh Bearing Women

Reader 1: Plain text *Reader 2: Italic* **Together: Bold**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 80

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² *In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.*

³ Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴ *O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?*

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ *You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁸ *You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.*

⁹ You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ *The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.*

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.

¹² *Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?*

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ *Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.*

¹⁵They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, and son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

*When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

Honor and majesty are before him; power and splendor are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king, with righteousness he will judge the world and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**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 Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Almighty God, who revealed the resurrection of your Son to Joanna, Mary and Salome, as they faithfully came bearing myrrh to his tomb: Grant that we too may perceive the presence of the risen Lord in the midst of pain and fear, that we may go forth proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen*

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts that we may feel their anguish
and their joy.
Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and
might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to
bring them to
those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days be
able to do some work of justice and peace for you. *Amen.*

O God: You bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear, new life out of grief and loss. As Mary returned to mourn yet found unspeakable joy, so comfort all who have lost their homes through persecution, war, exile, or deliberate destruction. Give them security, a place to live, and neighbors they trust to be, with them, a new sign of peace to the world. *Amen*

Hear our prayer for all those who will die today because of war and economic oppression, especially the children. Prepare them for the agony, despair, and terror of the violence that is upon them. Comfort them and hold them close to the bosom of your heart as they drink deeply of the bitter cup which is forced upon them. Wipe their tears, calm their fears, welcome them to peace and safety. Eternal rest grant to them, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May all rise in judgment against the wickedness that brings this violence upon the world. Overturn the thrones of tyranny, scatter the unjust, cast down the bloody rulers who make the cry of the widow and orphan rise to heaven. Give us your grace and strength to stand against the demonic powers which prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Grant that peace with justice will come to all the world. *Amen..*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Lead us from death to life, *from falsehood to truth.*

Lead us from despair to hope, *from fear to trust.*

Lead us from hate to love, *from war to peace.*

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Thanks be to God.