

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020



Hymn 427: "When morning gilds the skies" (sts. 1–3)

Laudes Domini

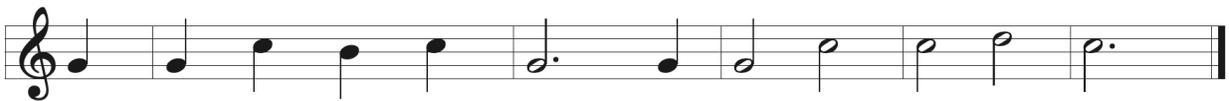
Bob Workmon, tenor



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, — my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, — this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon — in all high heaven is known



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

The Officiant begins with these sentences

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

Song of Praise

tune: *Laudate Dominum*

Bob Workmon, tenor

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done love.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

*William Henry Baker, alt.
based on Psalms 148 and 150*

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah (51:1–6)

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Bob Workmon, tenor

Antiphon



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, and sing your praise.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple

and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

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For you have glorified your Name *

and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *

you increased my strength within me.

ANTIPHON

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *

that great is the glory of the Lord.

ANTIPHON

Antiphon (sung by all)

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *

he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;

your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

ANTIPHON

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (12:1–8)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:13–20)

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

Solo: “I’ll walk with God”

Nikolaus Brodsky

Bob Workmon, tenor

I’ll walk with God from this day on,
his helping hand I’ll lean upon,
this is my prayer, my humble plea,
may the Lord be ever with me.

There is no death, though eyes grow dim,
there is no fear when I’m near to him.
I’ll lean on him forever
and he’ll forsake me never.

He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong,
whatever road I may walk along.

I’ll walk with God, I’ll take his hand,
I’ll talk with God, he’ll understand;
I’ll pray to him, each day to him,
and he’ll hear the words that I say.

His hand will guide my throne and rod
And I’ll never walk alone,
while I walk with God

The Nicene Creed (p. 358)

Paul Francis Webster

Officiant and People together

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

A prayer for transition

Almighty God, you know the needs of your church in every place: look graciously upon the people of St James Parish, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we move through the search process for our new rector. Thank you for the faithful stewards you have provided, and will provide, for our leadership. We give thanks for those who have committed to serve on the Search Committee and ask for blessing on their endeavors. Give us discernment, wisdom, patience, and confidence in your timing. Help us to care for each other with mutual trust, respect, kindness, and clarity of purpose. You are the Good Shepherd, and we ask you to shepherd us throughout this journey. In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers in this time of pandemic

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the church, and the world.

We pray for the church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as a beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Pierce our Interim Rector, our clergy, staff, wardens and vestry, and all who minister in your name.

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

Let us join all Episcopalians in The Diocese of East Carolina as we pray for Grace Church, Trenton and Albemarle Deanery. May we all join together across the diocese in lifting up their ministry.

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

We pray for all affected by the coronavirus. We pray for all leaders and healthcare workers as they work for the common good to protect all. Grant public health and government officials the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for our president, the Congress, Governors and mayors.

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

We pray for those students and teachers who are returning to school may they be safe and have a delight for learning once again.

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

We pray for an end to racial and ethnic inequality. Let us pray for the wisdom and the will to eradicate the hatred and disrespect that weave through our culture and its official structures. Ignite a fire in us for racial equality.

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

We pray for all those known to our community who stand in need of God's healing power, remembering especially Bill, Bob, Delilah, Jocelyn, Joe, Sarah... and others who we mention at this time.

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

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us.

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

We pray for those who have already lost loved ones and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love. On this Sunday, we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Jean Rogers that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

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

The Concluding Collect

Holy and sovereign Lord, when the earth and all its people quake, you hold its pillars firm. What is uncertain and frightening to us is completely known to you and controlled by you. Look mercifully on the people of St James Parish. Although at this time we are apart from each other, we pray your Holy Spirit will unite us as one. Pour upon us your peace which passes all understanding, keep us safe and healthy, and above all, keep us mindful of those to whom we should show the love and compassion of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.

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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 Blessing

Benediction: "*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved*"

John Weldon

Bob Workmon, tenor

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Psalms 121:3

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "Lord, you give the great commission!" (sts. 1–2, 5)

Hyfrydol

Bob Workmon, tenor



Lord, you give— the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and preach—the word."
Lord, you call— us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap - tize— and teach."
Lord, you bless— with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you to— the end."



Lest the Church- ne - glect its mis - sion and the Gos - pel go— un - heard,
That the world— may trust your pro - mise, life a - bun - dant meant— for each,
Faith and hope- and love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend,



help us wit - ness to your pur - pose with re - newed— in - teg - ri - ty;
give us all— new fer - vor, draw— us clos - er in— com - mun - i - ty;
and, a - mid— the cares that claim— us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



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