

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

Celebrating Frances Perkins, Public Servant 1965

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

6:00 pm



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~Ephesians 4:32

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The Officiant begins

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The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People *The maker of heaven and earth.*

The Officiant may then say

Let us confess our sins to God.

Officiant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

We have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses;

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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The Officiant then says

O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

*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.*

Psalm 37:27-31

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Officiant and People read alternately by half verse.

The righteous are always generous in their lending, *
and their children shall be a blessing.

Turn from evil, and do good, *
and dwell in the land for ever.

For the LORD loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.

They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.



“The righteous shall possess the land
and dwell in it for ever.”

~Psalm 37:31

Photo of Cape May Warbler taken by Ken Craven.

A Reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, "as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A Reflection

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Hymn: Lift Every Voice And Sing

Music located on the back cover of the worship bulletin.

The Officiant continues

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V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

R. *For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

R. *Hide us under the shadow of your wings.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Pages 132-133)

Officiant and People

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.



Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;

People: *And let our cry come to you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day: Frances Perkins ~ Social Reformer, 1965

The Officiant says

Loving God, we bless your Name for Frances Perkins, who in faithfulness to her baptism envisioned a society in which all might live in health and decency: Help us, following her example and in union with her prayers, to contend tirelessly for justice and for the protection of all, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Collect For Sixth Sunday of Easter

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The Officiant says

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect For Labor

The Officiant says

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, the lives around us. So guide us in the work we pursue, that we may do it not for self alone, but the common good. Then, as we seek a proper return for our labor, make us mindful of other workers' rightful aspirations and those who are out of work. Help us to be conscious of those who have completed their life's toil that they may know the respect, dignity, and care of the community of your faithful; through Jesus Christ, our guide, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered followed by your intercessions and thanksgivings.

A Collect at the Prayers

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Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All

(BCP Page 134)

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;*

*For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*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.*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant *Let us bless the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Officiant concludes

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*



Lift Every Voice And Sing



1. Lift ev-'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
 2. Ston-y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod, Felt in the days when
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us



- 1. nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 2. hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 3. thus far on the way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the



1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a
 2. feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed? We have
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our



1. song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a song full of the
 2. come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered; We have come, tread - ing our
 3. feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee; Lest our hearts, drunk with the



1. hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 2. path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 3. wine of the world, we for - get thee; Shad - owed be - neath thy hand, May we for -



1. day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 2. stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 -3. ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.