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# WORSHIP BOOKLET

**2017 GEMN Global Mission Conference**

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**Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama**



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***About our worship at the GEMN Global Mission Conference:***

- ❖ *As in all things Christian, we believe it is important for the Global Mission Conference to be undertaken in prayer and worship. So, we offer Morning Prayer and Compline daily – except that Thursday evening will be occupied with a musical celebration. The conference will close with Eucharist.*
- ❖ *Reflecting the global community we serve, the liturgies of the conference are drawn from around the Anglican Communion as well as from the Episcopal Church. This exposes us to the diverse ways in which our shared Anglican liturgical heritage has been interpreted. You will notice various differences within familiar patterns.*
- ❖ *For the sake of focus and inspiration, a 5-minute homily and a hymn are included at Morning Prayer and at Compline.*
- ❖ *At this conference we are practicing being in prayer for one another, lifting up before God the individuals attending this conference and the mission entities they represent and serve. We plan for this practice to develop into a GEMN Cycle of Prayer that all of us can use on a year-round basis.*
- ❖ *Saying psalms and canticles ‘antiphonally’ can include responsively between reader and people, from side to side in the worship space, between women and men, or between people over 40 and under 40, or between people from west of the Mississippi and those from east of the Mississippi – whatever the worship leader chooses!*

## Compline

Tuesday, 23 May 2017, at conclusion of Evening Reception, Phifer Hall  
*Book of Common Prayer (1979), Episcopal Church USA, adapted*

### Theme: Welcome and Hospitality in Mission

*Commemoration: William Hobart Hare, Missionary to the Niobrara, transferred from May 17*

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

*The Officiant begins*

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.**

*Officiant* 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. Alleluia.**

### Psalm 4 – said antiphonally

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
     you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory? \*  
     how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
     when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
     speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
     and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
     Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
     more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
     for only you, Lord, make me dwell in

### Psalm 134

- 1 Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  
     you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
- 2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  
     the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

*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.**

### Scripture Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

<sup>38</sup> Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

### Homily

The Rev. Judy Quick, Deacon, Diocese of Alabama, former GEMN Vice President

### Hymn

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

Hymnal 24

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.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Collects**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wakantanka, Holy God, you called your servant William Hobart Hare to bear witness to you throughout the vast reaches of the Niobrara Territory, bearing the means of grace and the hope of glory to the peoples of the Plains: We give you thanks for the devotion of those who received the Good News gladly, and for the faithfulness of the generations who have succeeded them. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit that we may walk in their footsteps and lead many to faith in Jesus Christ, in whom the living and the dead are one; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

*GEMN Cycle of Prayer*

*Free thanksgivings and intercessions*

**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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Officiant concludes*

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

### **William Hobart Hare**

William Hobart Hare was a missionary bishop to the Niobrara Territory and later the first bishop of South Dakota. Hare was born in Princeton, New Jersey, in 1838. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania and prepared for ordination without attending seminary. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1859 and to the priesthood in 1862. He served St. Luke's and St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, both in Philadelphia.

He moved to Minnesota in 1863 with the hope that a different climate would improve his wife's failing health. It was there that he first encountered Native Americans, who changed his life and shaped his vocation. Hare returned to Philadelphia in 1867 to become the Rector of the Church of the Ascension, but his interest in the church's ministry among Native Americans never waned.

In 1871, the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church created the Missionary District of Niobrara encompassing much of the Dakotas. A year later, the House of Bishops elected Hare to become the Bishop of Niobrara. Bishop Hare, often referred to as "The Apostle to the Sioux," devoted himself to work among the Native Americans in the vast expanse of the Niobrara Territory. Believing it was important to honor as much of the tradition and culture of the people as possible, Hare sought to bring the gospel into the midst of Sioux culture so that the people could also come to know Jesus through their customs. When, in 1883, the House of Bishops divided the Missionary District of Niobrara into the districts of North and South Dakota, Bishop Hare took responsibility for what later became the Diocese of South Dakota.



## Morning Prayer / Oración Matutina Diaria

Wednesday/Miércoles, 24 May/Mayo 2017, 7:15 a.m., Phifer Hall  
*Book of Common Prayer / El Libro de Oración Común de La Iglesia Episcopal*

### Theme: Reconciliation and the Mission of the Church

Commemoration: Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

### Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Este es el día en que actuó el Señor; regocijémonos y alegrémonos en él. *Salmo 118:24*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

### Confession of Sin / Confesion de Pecado

*Officiant/Oficiante:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence may be kept*

**All/Todos: 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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Pueblo: Y nuestra boca proclamará tu alabanza.**

**All/Todos: Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo: como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. Aleluya!**

### Christ our Passover / Christo Nuestra Pascua / Pascha nostrum

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### Psalm / Salmo 96 Cantate Domino – to be said antiphonally

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

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

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

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.  
 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.  
 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."  
 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.  
 13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

### **The Lessons / Las Lecciones**

*The Psalm and Lessons are from the Lectionary: Mission of the Church I.*

#### **Una lectura de la carta de Pablo a los Efesios**

2:13 Pero ahora en Cristo Jesús, vosotros, que en otro tiempo estabais lejos, habéis sido acercados por la sangre de Cristo.  
 14 Porque El mismo es nuestra paz, quien de ambos pueblos hizo uno, derribando la pared intermedia de separación, 15 aboliendo en su carne la enemistad, la ley de los mandamientos expresados en ordenanzas, para crear en sí mismo de los dos un nuevo hombre, estableciendo así la paz, 16 y para reconciliar con Dios a los dos en un cuerpo por medio de la cruz, habiendo dado muerte en ella a la enemistad. 17 Y vino y anuncio paz a vosotros que estabais lejos, y paz a los que estaban cerca; 18 porque por medio de El los unos y los otros tenemos nuestra entrada al Padre en un mismo Espíritu. 19 Así pues, ya no sois extranjeros ni advenedizos, sino que sois conciudadanos de los santos y sois de la familia de Dios, 20 edificados sobre el fundamento de los apóstoles y profetas, siendo Cristo Jesús mismo la piedra angular, 21 en quien todo el edificio, bien ajustado, va creciendo para ser un templo santo en el Señor, 22 en quien también vosotros sois juntamente edificados para morada de Dios en el Espíritu.

*Ephesians 2:13-22:* <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

#### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

*Lucas 10:1* Después de esto, el Señor designó a otros setenta, y los envió de dos en dos delante de El, a toda ciudad y lugar adonde El había de ir. <sup>2</sup> Y les decía: La mies es mucha, pero los obreros pocos; rogad, por tanto, al Señor de la mies que envíe obreros a su mies. <sup>3</sup> Id; mirad que os envíe como corderos en medio de lobos. <sup>4</sup> No llevéis bolsa, ni alforja, ni sandalias; y a nadie saludéis por el camino. <sup>5</sup> En cualquier casa que entréis, decid primero: "Paz a esta casa." <sup>6</sup> Y si hay allí un hijo de paz, vuestra paz reposará sobre él; pero si no, se volverá a vosotros. <sup>7</sup> Permaneced entonces en esa casa, comiendo y bebiendo lo que os den; porque el obrero es digno de su salario. No os paséis de casa en casa. <sup>8</sup> En cualquier ciudad donde entréis y os reciban, comed lo que os sirvan; <sup>9</sup> sanad a los enfermos que haya en ella, y decidles: "Se ha acercado a vosotros el reino de Dios."

### **Homily / Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. James Boston, GEMN President

**Hymn**      *Lord, you give the great commission*

Hymnal 528 (tune: Hyfrydol)

**The Prayers / Plegarias**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Lord's Prayer – in your own or any adopted language*

*Suffrages*

V. Señor, muéstranos tu misericordia;

**R. Y concédenos tu salvación.**

V. Reviste a tus ministros de justicia;

**R. Que cante tu pueblo de júbilo.**

V. Establece, Señor, la paz en todo el mundo;

**R. Porque sólo en ti vivimos seguros.**

V. Protege, Señor, a esta nación;

**R. Y guíanos por la senda de justicia y de verdad.**

V. Que se conozcan en la tierra tus caminos;

**R. Y entre los pueblos tu salvación.**

V. Señor, que no se olvide a los necesitados;

**R. Ni se arranque la esperanza a los pobres.**

V. Señor, crea en nosotros un corazón limpio;

**R. Y susténtanos con tu Santo Espíritu.**

*Collects*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter:* Oh Dios, tú has preparado para los que te aman cosas tan buenas que sobrepasan nuestro entendimiento: Infunde en nuestros corazones tal amor hacia ti, que, amándote en todo y sobre todas las cosas, obtengamos tus promesas, que exceden todo lo que podamos anhelar; por Jesucristo tu Hijo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. *Amén.*

*Commemoration:* Lord God, in your providence Jackson Kemper was chosen first missionary bishop in this land, and by his arduous labor and travel congregations were established in scattered settlements of the West: Grant that the Church may always be faithful to its mission, and have the vision, courage, and perseverance to make known to all people the Good News of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*For Mission:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Intercessions from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

*Intercessions from the GEMN Cycle of Prayer*

*Thanksgivings and intercessions may offered aloud or silently. / Pueden seguir intercesiones y acciones de gracia.*

*Oficiante* Bendigamos al Señor.

**Pueblo** **Demos gracias a Dios.**

*Oficiante* Gloria a Dios, cuyo poder, actuando en nosotros, puede realizar todas las cosas infinitamente mejor de lo que podemos pedir o pensar: Gloria a él en la Iglesia de generación en generación, y en Cristo Jesús por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

**Jackson Kemper** (from *Holy Women, Holy Men*)

When the General Convention of 1835 made all the members of the Episcopal Church members also of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, it provided at the same time for missionary bishops to serve in the wilderness and in foreign countries. Jackson Kemper was the first such bishop. Although he was assigned to Missouri and Indiana, he laid foundations also in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas, and made extensive missionary tours in the South and Southwest.

Kemper was born in Pleasant Valley, New York, on December 24, 1789. He graduated from Columbia College in 1809, and was ordained deacon in 1811, and priest in 1814. He served Bishop White as Assistant at Christ Church, Philadelphia. At his urging, Bishop White made his first and only visitation in western Pennsylvania. In 1835, Kemper was ordained bishop, and immediately set out on his travels.

Because Episcopal clergymen, mostly from well-to-do Eastern homes, found it hard to adjust to the harsh life of the frontier – scorching heat, drenching rains, and winter blizzards – Kemper established Kemper College in St. Louis, Missouri, the first of many similar attempts to train clergymen, and in more recent times lay persons as well, for specialized tasks in the Church. The College failed in 1845 from the usual malady of such projects in the church – inadequate funding. Nashotah House, in Wisconsin, which he founded in 1842, with the help of James Lloyd Breck and his companions, was more successful. So was Racine College, founded in 1852. Both these institutions reflected Kemper’s devotion to beauty in ritual and worship.

Kemper pleaded for more attention to the Indians, and encouraged the translation of services into native languages. He described a service among Oneida Indians which was marked by “courtesy, reverence, worship—and obedience to that Great Spirit in whose hands are the issues of life.” From 1859 until his death, Kemper was diocesan Bishop of Wisconsin. He is more justly honored by his unofficial title, “The Bishop of the Whole Northwest.”



## Compline

Wednesday, 24 May 2017, 9:30 p.m., Phifer Hall

Opening is from *The Book of Worship, Church of North India (1995)*, adapted

### Theme: Reconciliation and Mission

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

*Leader* Our help is in the name of the Lord;

*Response* Who has made heaven and earth.

### Confession

*Pause for recollection*

*All* We confess to God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, through our own grievous fault. Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Presbyter* The almighty and merciful God grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, power to amend your life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

### Adoration

*Leader* Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;

***Response* Let us praise God and magnify him forever.**

*Leader* Blessed are you, Lord God of our ancestors;

***Response* To be praised and glorified above all forever.**

*Leader* Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

***Response* To be praised and glorified above all forever.**

***All* 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.**

### Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

<sup>5:43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*Response* Thanks be to God.

**Homily** The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler, GEMN Vice President

**Hymn** *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* Hymnal 574

### Litany for Mission

*Book of Common Prayer, Church of India, Pakistan, Burma & Ceylon (1960). Updated & adapted for the use by GEMN.*

O God the Father, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth;

***Have mercy on us.***

O God the Son, who has redeemed all humankind from the power of sin and death;

***Have mercy on us.***

O God the Holy Spirit, who moved on the face of the waters, Giver of life and light, by whom the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified;

***Have mercy on us.***

O Blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier;

***Have mercy on us.***

Our past unfaithfulness;

***O Lord, forgive.***

Our neglect of opportunities;

***O Lord, forgive.***

Our deafness to your call;

***O Lord, forgive.***

Our slothfulness and want of zeal;

***O Lord, forgive.***

In the mystery of your holy Incarnation;

***Jesus, hear and save.***

By the offering of your sacrifice on the Cross;

***Jesus, hear and save.***

By the power of your resurrection and ascension;

***Jesus, hear and save.***

By your gift of the Holy Spirit to your Apostles;

***Jesus, hear and save.***

By your ever-abiding presence with your Church;

***Jesus, hear and save.***

We sinners do beseech you to hear us; and that it may please you to bless your holy Church, which you have redeemed by your life, death, resurrection and ascension;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That it may please you to grant her that peace and unity which is according to your will;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That you would heal all dissensions among Christians, and especially those that afflict the Anglican Communion, which hinder the spread of your Gospel;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That you would fill the Church in this land with the spirit of prayer and sacrifice;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That you would increase the number of laborers in your harvest, and grant them the abundance of your blessing;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

For all missionary societies and evangelistic ministries, remembering especially the Global Episcopal Mission Network, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, the Partnership for World Mission, Anglican Global Mission Partners, the United Society Partners in the Gospel, the Church Mission Society, the Indian Missionary Society, the Friends Missionary Prayer Band, the Church Mission Society of Nigeria, Wycliffe Bible Translators, and many others;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

For all dioceses and their mission commissions, for all companion diocese relationships, and for the many mission teams sent by congregations, dioceses and organizations to minister with companions around the world;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

For all bishops, priests and deacons, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy true and life-giving Word;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

For missionaries, catechists, evangelists, educators and medical personnel who are laboring for the extension of your kingdom in this and other lands;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That it may please you to deepen their understanding, readiness to learn, ability to teach, and passion to serve;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That it may please you to grant them the gift of languages for making known your truth;

***Hear us, O Lord.***

That it may please you to supply their necessities and to preserve them in all dangers, both of body and soul;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That it may please you confirm and strengthen with the fullness of your grace all converts and catechumens, giving them perseverance to the end;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That it may please you to raise up in every nation faithful ministries for building up your body, the Church;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That it may please you to bless your Church's work of education, healthcare and economic empowerment;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That by the power of your good Spirit you would guide and support those who labor for the oppressed;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That it may please you to break down everywhere the barriers of fear and hatred that divide nations, races, ethnicities and classes of people;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That you may give us vision to be agents of your reconciliation in all the paths of mission in which you guide us;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That by holiness of life we may win our neighbors to faith in you;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

That through the sharing of burdens we may support Christians in all places who are oppressed and persecuted for their faith in Christ;

**Hear us, O Lord.**

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us;

**Save us, and help us, we humble beseech you, O Lord.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord's Prayer – in whatever mother tongue or adopted language you wish to use.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them;

**Lay bare your arm, revive your work, and manifest your power and glory, now as in days of old.**

Set up yourself, O God, above the heavens;

**And your glory above all the earth.**

Give your Son the nations for his inheritance;

**And the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.**

Let all the nations whom you have made come and worship you, O Lord;

**And glorify your holy name.**

Let your name be great among the Gentiles, O Lord of hosts;

**And in very place let incense be offered to your name, and a pure offering.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Night Antiphon

**All**            **Preserve us, Lord, while waking and guard while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Leader**        Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever  
and ever. **Amen.**

## Morning Prayer

Thursday, 25 May 2017, 7:15 a.m., Phifer Hall

*Anglican Church of Southern Africa: Liturgy 1975 & An Anglican Prayer Book 1989, adapted  
Commemoration: The Martyrs of Sudan (transferred from May 16)*

### Theme: Reconciliation and Mission

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

#### Praise

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence  
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive his holy word,  
to bring before him the needs of the world,  
to ask his forgiveness of our sins,  
and to seek his grace that through his Son Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to his service.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**We are risen! Alleluia!**

Let us worship and praise him.

**Alleluia!**

Lord, open our lips

**That we may glorify and praise your Name.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore ever. Amen.**

**Praise the Lord. Alleluia.**

**O Come Let Us Sing** *Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:13 – said in unison*

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out joyfully to him in psalms.:

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hands are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, and he made it:

his hands molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he himself is our God:

we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

If only you would hear his voice today;

for he comes, he comes to judge the earth;

He shall judge the world with righteousness:

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 will be forever. Amen.

#### Penitence

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord, forgive us all that is past,**

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Word of God**

#### **Psalm 67** *said antiphonally*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>5:16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

<sup>10:25</sup> 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.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

The Rt. Rev. Ellinah Wamukoya, Bishop of Swaziland

**Hymn**

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

Hymnal 539

### **Apostles' Creed – in unison**

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**

*Officiant* Lord God, we ask you to give us your blessing:  
to your Church, holiness;  
to the world, peace;  
to this and every nation, justice;  
and to all people knowledge of your law.  
Keep safe our families,  
protect the weak, heal the sick, comfort the dying,  
and bring the departed to a joyful resurrection.

We ask these things through Jesus Christ, and in his name we say:

The Lord's Prayer – *in your own or any adopted language*

*Collect for Easter 6:* Eternal Father who, through Jesus Christ our ascended Lord sent your Holy Spirit to be the bond of fellowship in the Church: Unify the whole created order in Christ, who reigns supreme over all things with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Commemoration Collect:* O God, steadfast in the midst of persecution, by your providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church: As the martyrs of Sudan refused to abandon Christ even in the face of torture and death, and so by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest, may we, too, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Morning Collect:* Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love for you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect for Reconciliation:* Kind and gracious God, in Christ you entered the pain and conflicts of humankind, and in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself: Help us to rely on your reconciling presence in the resentment and enmity we suffer in families, communities and nations. Nourish within us confidence that in your compassion all our wounds are vulnerable to healing, and strengthen us for the movements of repentance, forgiveness and restoration. As we journey toward your wholeness, form us in the mission of reconciliation you have entrusted to us, that others may hear your appeal to be reconciled with God and neighbor through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the friend and savior of the world. **Amen.**

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

*GEMN Cycle of Prayer*

*Free thanksgivings and intercessions*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **The Martyrs of Sudan**

In 1983, Episcopal and Roman Catholic clergy and lay leaders, facing restrictions imposed by an increasingly intolerant and fundamentalist Islamic government of Sudan, declared they “would not abandon God as they knew him.” In the two decades that followed, an estimated 2 million people, many of whom were Christians, were killed in the country’s civil war between the predominantly Muslim North and the more ethnically diverse South.

A Comprehensive Peace Treaty was signed in January 2005, granting autonomy to Southern Sudan; and following a referendum in January 2011, South Sudan seceded fully in July 2011. During the decades of civil war, approximately 4 million Southern Sudanese Christians were internally displaced, and at least another million Christians were forced into exile.

The Episcopal Church of the Province of Sudan endured over twenty years of persecution and devastation while civil war raged. Clergy and lay leaders suffered particular persecution because of their leadership roles within their communities. But despite the total destruction of churches, schools, hospitals, and public institutions, Sudanese Christianity, which includes 4 million members of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, has been able to provide hope during times of fear and turmoil. The Episcopal Church of Sudan has not only solidified as a faith community, but they have been able to expand and grow. In 1983 about 5 percent of the population of Southern Sudan was Christian, but today over 85 percent of the six million people living in that region are either Episcopalian (Anglican) or Roman Catholic.



**Morning Prayer**  
Friday, 26 May 2017, 7:15 a.m., Phifer Hall  
*Book of Worship, Church of Pakistan, adapted*

**Theme: Reconciliation and Mission**

Commemoration: Augustine of Canterbury, Missionary to England and First Archbishop of Canterbury  
(*Feast of the Ascension is celebrated at Eucharist today.*)

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

**Preparation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

O Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Lead your people to freedom, O God,

**And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

**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.**

**Canticle** *in unison*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness  
and come into 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 forever. Amen.

**Opening Prayer** *in unison*

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

*Silence is kept.*

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.

**The Word of God**

Psalm 62 – *said antiphonally*

1 For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

3 How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

4 They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor;  
lies are their chief delight.

- 5 They bless with their lips,  
but in their hearts they curse.
- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

**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.**

A reading from the the Revelation to St. John the Divine.

<sup>7:9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

<sup>15:11</sup> Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

*Ms. Elizabeth Boe, Staff Officer, Mission Personnel, Global Partnerships Office,  
Episcopal Church Center*

**Hymn**

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymnal 535

**Responsory**

Now it is time to awake out of sleep.

**For the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed.

**For the night is far spent.**

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**For the day is at hand.**

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh.

**For the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

**Prayers**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer – *in your own or any adopted language*

*Collect for the Day:* Almighty and ever living God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: We praise your Holy Name. Keep us that we fall not into sin. Prosper the work of our hands and of our minds. Strengthen us that we may fulfill the duties of this day. Give wisdom to the leaders of this land and all nations, that we may be led into the ways of peace, and live justly, and show mercy, and walk humbly in the fear of God. **Amen.**

*Commemoration Collect:* O Lord our God, by your Son Jesus Christ you called your apostles and sent them forth to preach the Gospel to the nations: We bless your holy Name for your servant Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, whose labors in propagating your Church among the English people we commemorate today; and we pray that all whom you call and send may do your will, and bide your time, and see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Collect for Reconciliation:* God of revelation, whose mercy embraces all peoples and nations: Tear down the walls that divide us, break open the prisons that hold us captive, and so free us to celebrate your beauty in the human community and in all the earth; through Jesus, our Brother and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer*

*GEMN Cycle of Prayer*

*Free thanksgivings and intercessions may be offered.*

The Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Augustine of Canterbury**

Augustine and a group of monks were sent to Britain by Pope Gregory in 597. Three centuries prior to this, Christianity had been introduced to the British Isles during the Roman occupation. When the Roman forces withdrew, the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded the isles and forced the Christians to flee into the hills and forests of Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, or to face a tenuous existence in England. Augustine found that his task was not only to convert the Anglo-Saxons but also to re-establish contacts between the British (or Celtic) and Roman churches.

Augustine was a timid and reticent person who had accepted his assignment less than enthusiastically. He did not speak the Anglo-Saxon language, and he was frightened at the prospect of confronting a people reputed to be savages. Upon landing in Britain, he was relieved and delighted to find that the Anglo-Saxon queen, Bertha, was already a Christian and that King Ethelbert was not unfriendly. The king eventually was converted, and in time most of his subjects followed suit. Augustine established his cathedral at Canterbury in Kent. This was destined to become the most important bishopric in England and the mother diocese of the Anglican Communion. Archbishops of Canterbury are still said to hold the Chair of Augustine.

## Ascension Day

Friday, 26 May 2017, 10:30 a.m., Chapel of St. Francis

For the GEMN Conference, the festival of Ascension is transferred from Thursday to Friday.

### The Holy Eucharist

*The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada, 1985*

### The Gathering of the Community

*Silence is observed as the community gathers.*

All stand.

#### Processional Hymn

*Glorify Thy Name*

Alleluia III: 45

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant:* May his grace and peace be with you.

**People:** **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,

**All:** **to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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.**

#### Glory to God

*Gloria en Excelsis*

Hymnal 1982: S-280

#### Collect of the Ascension

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The community may pray silently. The celebrant then sings or says the collect,*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*after which the people respond, Amen*

### The Proclamation of the Word

*A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [Acts 1:1-11]

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept. Then shall follow a psalm as appointed.*

**Psalm 47**

*The Psalm will be said antiphonally, beginning on the left side, facing the altar.*

- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
<sup>2</sup>For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.  
<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.  
<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
<sup>7</sup>For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.  
<sup>8</sup>God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.  
<sup>9a</sup>The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
<sup>9b</sup>For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

*Silence may be kept.*

*A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. [Ephesians 1:15-23]

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Ascension Hymn** *Hail the day that sees him rise*

Hymnal 1982: 214

**Gospel**

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

After the risen Jesus ate with the disciples in Jerusalem he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. [Luke 24:45-53]

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

*A silence for reflection may follow.*

**Sermon** The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All:** **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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**

*A deacon or lay member of the community leads the Prayers of the People (Form 2, adapted).*

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

Gracious God, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Strengthen our vision of your mission and our willingness to participate with you in reconciling all people with you, one another and all creation.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Strengthen all missionaries, the Global Episcopal Mission Network, all mission societies and diocesan and parish mission initiatives.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Concerns from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and GEMN Cycle of Prayer are offered.*

*Worshipers offer thanksgivings and concerns silently or aloud.*

*Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace**

*All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.*

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

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

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Celebration of the Eucharist****The Preparation of the Gifts**

Offertory Hymn

*Give Thanks*

Alleluia III: 44

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** *Sanctus*

Alleluia III: 230

**Celebrant:** Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All:** **Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Celebrant:** Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** As our Savior taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:*

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**The Communion**

*The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

Communion Hymns

107 *Let us break bread together*  
128 *One bread, one body*  
69 *I am the bread of life*

Alleluia III  
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**Prayer after Communion**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Standing, the community prays in silence.*

*Celebrant:* All your works praise you, O Lord.

**All: And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Recessional Hymn *They will know we are Christians*

Alleluia III: 175

Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant:* The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop, Anglican Church of Canada

*Deacon:* The Rev. C. J. VanSlyke, Deacon, Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

*Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

*Musicians:* Mr. Dwight Williams and friends



## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

The Anglican Communion

*Week of May 21 - 28, 2017*

### **Sunday 21-May-2017** *Easter 5*

Psalm: 106:40-48 Exod. 19:16-25

**Diocese of Ngbo** - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christian Ebisike

### **Monday 22-May-2017**

Psalm: 18:20-24 Rev. 6:7-11

**Diocese of Niassa** - (Southern Africa) The Revd Vicente Msossa

Suffragan Bishop of Niassa - (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Manuel Ernesto

### **Tuesday 23-May-2017**

Psalm: 18:25-36 Rev. 6:12-17

**Diocese of Niger Delta North** - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Most Revd Ignatius Kattey

### **Wednesday 24-May-2017**

Psalm: 89:1-8 Exod. 20:1-21

**Diocese of Niger Delta West** - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Oko-Jaja

### **Thursday 25-May-2017** *Ascension Day*

Psalm: 8 II Kgs 2:1-15

*A hymn of glory let us sing*

*New songs throughout the world shall ring*

*Christ, by a road before untrod*

*Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia.*

### **Friday 26-May-2017** *St Augustine of Canterbury*

Psalm: 107:10-22 Exod 24:1-11

**Diocese of the Niger Delta** - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ralph Ebirien

### **Saturday 27-May-2017**

Psalm: 2 Exod. 24:12-18

**Diocese of Niger West** - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Ekwe

### **Sunday 28-May-2017** *Ascension Sunday*

Psalm: 107:23-32 Exod. 32:1-14

**Pray for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome**

**Diocese of Nike** - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Evans Jonathan Ibeagha





