



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

All:

In person gathering for worship at St. Luke's will begin on Sunday, June 14, at 10 AM. In order to mitigate the continued spread of COVID-19, St. Luke's will implement best practices as required by the Diocese of Oklahoma. There are over 75 guidelines that the church must follow in order to offer in person worship (guidelines can be reviewed here <https://go.aws/371FVBm>).

First, St. Luke's will continue offering online worship. If you are in a vulnerable group—stay home! Join us on Zoom or YouTube Live. Next, please do not confuse the reopening of the church as a sign that everything is back to normal. There is still a possibility for community spread of the virus and vulnerable people should use the utmost caution. Staying home is still the preferred method for avoiding the spread of COVID-19 among vulnerable populations.

If you plan to come to worship, here are a few things you can expect:

Do not attend worship if you are experiencing any signs of illness. Clergy and other members of the altar party will have their temperatures taken prior to the service, and will be continually washing their hands or using hand sanitizer as appropriate. Only the clergy will touch the Eucharistic vessels and elements prior to the distribution of Holy Communion.

Everyone will be required to wear a mask—no exceptions.

All applicable exterior and interior doors will be open to allow for adequate airflow, so please dress appropriately. We cannot close the doors to make it warmer or cooler.

We will practice physical distancing—every other pew will be empty and only family groups will be allowed to sit together. Persons that have not been practicing physical distancing with each other (i.e. close friends or extended family members that are seeing each other regularly and not practicing distancing with each other) may be given permission to sit together. Contact Roseanne or Father Steve if you have a question about this issue.

Singing is discouraged. There will be music and possibly a singer or two, but the congregation will be encouraged to meditate on the words of the hymns without actually singing each hymn.

Seats in the church will be assigned for the first few weeks. If you are planning to attend worship, please call or email Roseanne at the church office to reserve a spot (Monday-Thursday, 9 AM-1 PM). If you don't let us know you are planning to attend, we cannot admit you unless we know there are enough places to sit. Following physical distancing guidelines, we will have sixteen spots for one to six people in each spot. If we reach a point where we can't seat any more people, Roseanne will have permission to add a second Sunday service at 8:30 AM. The church office number is 918.336.1212. You can email Roseanne at office@episcopalbartlesville.org. Once we figure out the pattern of worship attendance, we won't need this requirement.

- Communion will be available. Only the bread (hosts) will be offered to the congregation.
- Nursery, Sunday school, and coffee hour will not be available. Food and coffee will not be offered; practices will be followed to maintain physical distance; and hygienic practices will be encouraged. Ushers will be discouraged from helping anyone get up or down or helping stabilize people with physical limitations.
- Shaking hands, hugging, and close contact of any kind is discouraged.

This is the world that we live in for the near future. As the community spread of the virus slows and the medical community develops better methods to mitigate the person to person spread of the virus, we may be allowed to slowly change how we do things. The parish leadership will also be following state and local health officials, and if there is a renewed increase in the spread of the virus locally, we won't hesitate to cancel in-person services until further notice.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their health may be protected and the spread of viruses and other diseases may be avoided; and that, the health of the community being renewed, we may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace, Steve+

Regular services will resume at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 14. Additional details will be forthcoming in next week's Steeple Newsletter. Online services will continue.



**Sergeant
Jim Warring
Retirement
Reception**



Place: Squad Room
Bartlesville Police Department
615 S. Johnstone, Bartlesville

Date: Friday, June 12, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm

Event: Come and go reception

July 17, 1995 — July 17, 2020
In honor of Twenty-five years
of dedicated service
to the citizens of Bartlesville
and the Bartlesville
Police Department

Office Info: Roseanne McKee, office manager/assistant to rector, is in the office Monday – Thursdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The north doors will be locked, but if you need anything, please call the office at 918-336-1212.

Chapel Schedule: The chapel will be available Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Chapel lock is worn out. A replacement is on order and is expected to arrive Monday, June 8. Until the new lock has been installed, call the office at 918-336-1212 to be admitted.

Online & Mobile Giving Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this [Tithe.ly web page](https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app) (<https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the [St. Luke's website](http://episcopalbartlesville.org) (<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, there's always the old-fashioned way of mailing a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* dropping a check into our locked mail slot to left of the north church doors.

Step-by-Step Instructions for Giving through Tithe.ly

- 1) Get started by going to Tithe.ly (yes, there's a dot between the "e" and the "l") and download the application. Go to: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>
- 2) From the above link, you may donate directly from your home computer (vs. your phone/mobile device) by picking the Give Online option OR you may donate from your phone or other mobile device by selecting either the Apple or Android (Google Play) version.
- 3) Open the application and enter your name and email, and then create a personal password and PIN.
- 4) In the Find a Church window at the top, type in: St. Luke's Episcopal Church (several St. Luke's Episcopal Churches will pop up, so be sure to pick ours in Bartlesville)
- 5) Select the method of payment at the bottom: credit, debit, or bank account withdrawal.
- 6) Enter the amount of your gift and indicate whether you would like it to be Recurring and at what frequency.
- 7) Pick General Fund as the destination.
- 8) If you want to provide the full amount of your gift to the church, check Cover Fees box and the Tithe.ly service charge will not be deducted from your gift to the church. There service charge is 2.75% + 0.30 per credit/debit card transaction, which reflects a slight discount through association with The Network for Episcopal Stewardship.
- 9) The application will save your donation information for the next time you give. All you have to do is enter your PIN. Both the Give Online and mobile methods of Tithe.ly giving are secure. If you have questions, they will probably be answered at (<https://get.tithe.ly/faqs>).

Will you proclaim the gospel? *The Embracing Evangelism* video series and resources now available.

In the Baptismal Covenant, Episcopalians promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. ***Embracing Evangelism***, a new six-part evangelism video course, is a resource to help Episcopalians grow in their own relationship with Christ and to help others do so as well.

"Whenever an Episcopalian affirms a baptism, the presider asks, 'Will you proclaim in word and deed the Good News of God in Christ, and will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?'," said Jerusalem Greer, The Episcopal Church's staff officer for evangelism. "Every time, we respond 'I will with God's help.' That's a promise to practice evangelism, and it's not just a call for some of us, it's a call for all of us. Evangelism is ultimately about growing your own loving, liberating, and life-giving relationship with God and helping others grow theirs too."

With its focus on evangelism "done differently," this course draws on scripture as it guides participants through an exploration of evangelism as a spiritual practice through which one seeks, names, and celebrates Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people and then invites everyone to more. Each episode features teachings on Episcopal evangelism, class discussions and prompts, and exercises to help Episcopalians understand the ministry and call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through both word and action.

The *Embracing Evangelism* resources are available for streaming and download. The sessions were designed for use by small groups, vestry meetings, adult spiritual formation classes, college discipleship groups, diocesan or parish retreats, and as a summer adult vacation Bible school option. The full series consists of six videos, each of which includes participant/facilitator guides -- each under 45 minutes.

This resource is made possible through a partnership between The Episcopal Church and Virginia Theological Seminary.

Embracing Evangelism is available for download at: episcopalchurch.org/embracingevangelism.

Want to be notified when additional Evangelism information and resources become available? Sign up online at: episcopalchurch.org/embracingevangelism.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, June 11:

9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr
10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,
Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary
1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich,
Wendy Hall

Thursday, June 25:

9-11am: Jim Liehr
10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas
Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson,
1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich,
Becky Olsen

If you are having trouble connecting or need some technical advice, please call Roseanne in the church office, at 918-336-1212, and she will get someone to call you with some helpful advice.

This ring has been found. If it is yours, please call Roseanne at 918-336-1212.



St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark, Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Ada, Lisa, Helen, Nan, Patricia, and all members of our armed forces and their families.
If you have a prayer request, contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinator Thelma Blackburn 918-333-7902 or TPBGEN@aol.com or the church office at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Habits of Grace: A new video meditation will be posted on Mondays through May. They can be found on YouTube by typing in the search bar: Habits of Grace by Bishop Curry.

Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Daily Devotionals for May-July are available in the chapel.

Other thoughts...

- Be aware -- Father Steve will not request gift cards or other monetary support through email. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.
- FYI: Bishop Ed has inhibited the distribution of communion by the clergy to any parishioner (title IV violation). Additionally, Bishop Ed has prohibited public in-person gatherings of any kind including gathering in parking lots or other open spaces.
- **St. Luke's is now on Instagram! Follow St. Luke's at [episcopalbartlesville](#).**

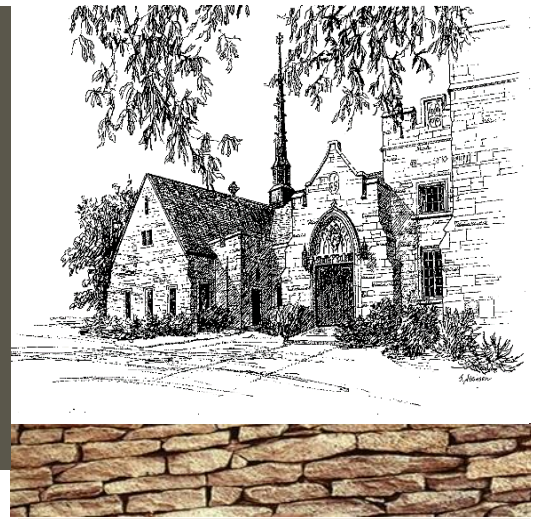
Birthdays and Anniversaries June 3 – June 15

Birthdays

Lou Ann Mitchell, June 3
Thomas Chamberlain, June 5
Kimya Kindred, Amalie Sutton, June 6
Danny Clem, June 8
Jerry Cozby, June 9
Julia Crane, June 11
Rachel Wade, June 12
Dolores Theis, June 13

Anniversaries

Jeff & Laura Birk, June 4
Lauren & Juanita Green, June 12



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In an Emergency, contact any of the clergy listed above.
Roseanne McKee, Office Manager/Asst. to Rector (office@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Dolores McCreary, Organist/Choir Director (dolores@episcopalbartlesville.org)
Dan Droege, Sr. Warden (dbdcomm.2@gmail.com)
Doug McIver, Jr. Warden (dmciver@susandickcpa.com)
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Connecting with St. Luke's

The parish staff and volunteers are working hard to keep the parish connected. Here are the resources available to you to stay connected:

- Parish phone tree—a phone tree has been set up to keep our members connected. If you have a need or concern, please let your phone tree captain know. If you aren't receiving calls from the phone tree, please let Jeff Birk know @ jbirk54@gmail.com
- Follow St. Luke's on Instagram. You can find us @ [episcopalbartlesville](#). Also, like our content so it will appear in your Instagram feed. Typically, the content on Instagram is also posted on Facebook, although not all of the photographs posted on Instagram will appear on Facebook.
- Follow St. Luke's on FaceBook. Search for St. Luke's Bartlesville on Facebook and like our Page. Also, once you start seeing our content in your FaceBook feed, please like it and share it. This helps others to see it, but it also keeps St. Luke's content coming into your feed. If you don't "like" our content, you won't see it. Facebook is about engagement, and you will see the things you engage.
- Friend Father Steve on FaceBook. He will friend you back and you can follow him and see his shenanigans.
- Subscribe to the St. Luke's YouTube channel [HERE](#). (If the HERE link does not work, go to <https://bit.ly/2QIgY7c> in your computer's browser.) Subscribing helps us gain followers which allows the content to be seen by a wider audience. The content includes recordings of our Zoom worship services. You can also access this content on your television with streaming devices (like FireTV) that have the YouTube app included.
- Check out the St. Luke's website for updates on a regular basis. The website is found here: www.episcopalbartlesville.org. We are working hard to update it frequently, so the content is current.
- Receive *The Steeple* and other updates via Mailchimp. Please send Roseanne your current email @ office@episcopalbartlesville.org, and you can receive updates and the newsletter. *The Steeple* is usually published on Wednesday or Thursday and is often followed up with a weekend highlights on Fridays (not every Friday). We will also continue to mail a hardcopy of *The Steeple* to those who prefer to receive things via USPS.

Worship:

Worship services are live on the Zoom app on Sundays at 10 am.

The weekly bulletins can be found at www.episcopalbartlesville.org.

Please note that there are three ways to participate in Worship:

1) Listen to the service by telephone. (This can be a home phone, or a flip phone, smartphone, etc.)

— To do this:

— Dial 1-346-248-7799

— When asked to enter the Zoom Meeting ID, enter 9365095026#

— When asked to enter a Participant ID, just enter the # sign

— When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445#

— That's it. You should now be in the meeting, by phone.

2) Use Zoom on a computer or smartphone.

— Go to <https://zoom.us/j/9365095026> in your computer's browser.)

— When asked to enter the Meeting Password, enter 251445

— **Please mute your device during the worship service.**

3) Service will be uploaded to the St. Luke's YouTube channel on Sunday afternoons. Audio recording of the sermon will be found on St. Luke's website.





Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Opening Hymn

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture beginning on page 77 of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

The Invitatory and Psalter *BCP 80*

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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!

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 *BCP 82*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals* that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,* and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the



beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

Genesis (1:1-2:4a)

In the beginning when God created* the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God* swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it

was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and

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creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind* in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,* and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'
So God created humankind* in his image,

in the image of God he created them;* male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Reader says Here ends the the Lesson.

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* BCP 91
from Luke 1:46-55 *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

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

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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.

A Reading from the Gospel
According to Matthew (28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Reader says Here ends the the Lesson.

Canticle 2

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou for the name of thy Majesty; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou in the temple of thy holiness; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the

Cherubim; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou in the firmament of heaven; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *praised and exalted above all for ever.

Homily The Reverend Steve Hood

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

Officiant and People together

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.

Hymn

The Prayers BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

again and again.
Renew us.

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.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good
work here begun. Strengthen our efforts
to blot out ignorance and prejudice,
and to abolish poverty and crime. And
hasten the day when all our people, with
many voices in one united chorus, will
glorify your holy Name. *Amen.*

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following
Collects*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, giver of all good things:
We thank you for the natural majesty
and beauty of this land. They restore us,
though we often destroy them.
Heal us.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have
given to us your servants grace, by the
confession of a true faith, to
acknowledge the glory of the eternal
Trinity, and in the power of your divine
Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us
steadfast in this faith and worship, and
bring us at last to see you in your one
and eternal glory, O Father; who with
the Son and the Holy Spirit live and
reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We thank you for the great resources of
this nation. They make us rich, though
we often exploit them.
Forgive us.

A Collect for Our Country

We thank you for the men and women
who have made this country strong.
They are models for us, though we often
fall short of them.
Inspire us.

Almighty God, who hast given us this
good land for our heritage: We humbly
beseech thee that we may always prove
ourselves a people mindful of thy favor
and glad to do thy will. Bless our land
with honorable industry, sound learning,
and pure manners. Save us from
violence, discord, and confusion; from
pride and arrogance, and from every evil
way. Defend our liberties, and fashion
into one united people the multitudes

We thank you for the torch of liberty
which has been lit in this land. It has
drawn people from every nation, though
we have often hidden from its light.
Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have
inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains
our life, though we have been faithless



brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, this prayers for mission is added

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.*

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered here and silence is observed

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all churches in our diocese, for their mission and ministry, and for their proclamation of the Good News in cities and towns across the state; in our parish, we pray for those requesting prayer including Elizabeth, Jenny, Georgia, Diana, Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Sydney, Ed, Evelyn, Toni, Milton, Joseph, Lyndee, Alan, Bill, Karen, Ethan, Elaine, Marjean, Helen, Mark,

Cynthia, Steve, Barbara, Brent, Katie, Ruth, Glenn, Marsha, Jerry, D.J., Sarah, Mary, Emily, Whitney, Lloyd, Melt, Belinda, Wendy, David, Tracy, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Mark, Diana F., Jim, Bid, Lisa, Ada, Michelle, Patricia, and Elizabeth. We also remember those who have died. Let perpetual shine upon all your Saints who we remember this morning. We pray for Bishop Poulson C. Reed as he begins his ministry as Bishop Coadjutor.

We also pray for doctors, nurses, aides, and all other health care professionals and service employees entrusted with the health and wellness of our community; and for our elected officials and those given the public's trust to make prudent decisions for the care of this city, state, and nation. We also pray for the men and women of the armed services, for those serving in other areas of national service, for those who are traveling or homebound or recovering from illness, surgery, or some other affliction. For all of these and for prayers spoken and for prayers left unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

The General Thanksgiving *BCP 101*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by

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our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes with the following

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

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Closing Hymn