



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

Worship in the Episcopal Tradition
October 10, 2021

*Connecting with the Community,
Growing Disciples, and Serving Jesus Christ*

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org*

PRELUDE

We invite you to begin your personal preparation at the beginning of the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: With you, O Lord, all things are possible.

ALL: We bless you and praise your name forever.

ONE: In you, O Lord, we find our home.

ALL: We bless you and praise your name forever.

ONE: Through you, O Lord, we are made one in Christ.

ALL: We bless you and praise you, O Christ, for your saving love.

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

THE COLLECT

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ONE: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31 New Revised Standard Version

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

ALL: That we all may be one.

ONE: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

ALL: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

ONE: We pray for all bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and lay servants;

ALL: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

ONE: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

ALL: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

ONE: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

ALL: That our works may find favor in your sight.

ONE: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

ALL: That they may be delivered from their distress.

ONE: Give to the departed eternal rest;
ALL: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

ONE: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
ALL: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

ONE: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

ONE: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to pray the prayer in the language you are used to speaking. Today we are highlighting the prayer in the Traditional text written in the 16th century for the Book of Common Prayer. This prayer is utilized by the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church.

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, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

We invite you to take this time to express your gratitude to God for all that you have been given by dedicating your time, talents, witness, service, and resources. The gifts you give are helping God build the community of love in this place and in our world.

We offer several ways that you can give your fiscal pledge: in person by placing your offering in the "church mailbox" in the narthex, dropping it off at the office, by mail, through our website www.panthervalleychurch.org, or add PVEC to your online bill pay. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERATORY PRAYER

God of life, saviour of the poor, receive with this money gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECTS

For Social Service

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For Vocation in Daily Work

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and on the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever more. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Today's flowers are given by Carol Phillips in honor of

her 50th Wedding Anniversary

And to celebrate her granddaughter Riley Masterson's 12th birthday!

Credits: *Call to Worship* by Nancy Townley and *Prayer of Confession the Collect, Prayers of the People, Offertory Prayer, and The Collects* are from *The Common Book of Prayer*.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rich K., Ann Custard, Anne Ellis, George Capola, The Washer & Efremov Families, Joe & Suzanne McCarthy, Smardar & Joe for healing, Bridget, The Gibbs & Family, Betty Schultheis, Nikki's sister Samantha, Meghan Rose, Anne, Julie, The Hal Loss Family, Zachary, Mark Simon's baby, Benny, churches as they try and do ministry in a new time, The Tamarco Family, The Miller Family, Rich Pearson & Family, Carol D., Derek Fleming, Dave & Sue, Lauren, Tom & Lisa Grillo, Jaylyn & Savanna, Brian, Vinnie Candito, Dee Lartie, Anne, Robyn, Diane, Amy, Charles, Laura, Bonnie Sue, Keith, Nick, Leslie M., Jackie, Mike, Danielle, Carolyn, Patrick, Anne, Maggie, Michelle, Giselle, Judy, Marianne

Thank you and please let us know when to remove a name from the list.



PASTOR [pah-ster] *noun*

One who serves with patience, love and sacrifice; a coworker of God.

The PVEC Youth Mission Project is still accepting donations for their cleaning kits located in the narthex. Please stop by and see what is needed to help fill those buckets. Supplies already kindly donated are much appreciated!

Upcoming Youth Group Sponsored Events:

Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 13th from 9-11am

Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21 from 1-3pm

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 18th from 9-11am

We received a letter of gratitude from **The Allamuchy Township School District** in appreciation of the generous Backpack Program school supplies.

Stewardship Snippet: Oct. 10, 2021 (20th Sunday after Pentecost, Year B)

Mark10:24b, 25 –Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."

When he talks about money, Jesus frequently uses words of warning. Why does wealth hinder rich people from entering the Kingdom of God? How are you managing? How can we, as steward-disciples, do better? Blessings, Donna

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~Welcome—we were built for you!~

Panther Valley Ecumenical Church is a multi-denominational church serving northwest New Jersey since 1969. We are formally affiliated with:

The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ,

The Presbyterian Church USA, and The United Methodist Church.

We are a congregation of many Christian traditions who worship together in accordance with Christ's prayer: "that they may all be one."

May God's Blessing go with you this week.

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