

INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

HOLY DAY

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, by your providence our founders won their liberties of old: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to exercise these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 145

- ¹ I will magnify you, O God my King, *
and I will praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day will I give thanks to you, *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and most worthy to be praised; *
there is no end of his greatness.
- ⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another, *
and shall declare your power.
- ⁵ As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendor of your majesty, *
and of all your wondrous works.
- ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your marvelous acts, *
and I also will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷ The remembrance of your abundant goodness shall they proclaim, *
and they shall sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, *
long-suffering, and of great kindness.
- ⁹ The LORD is loving to everyone, *
and his mercy is over all his works.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants give thanks to you.
- ¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kingdom *
and talk of your power,
- ¹² That your power may be known to the children of men, *
even the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, *
and your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all those who fall *
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand, *
and fill all things living with plenteousness.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and merciful in all his works.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ¹⁹ He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; *
he also will hear their cry and will help them.
- ²⁰ The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

Trinity Sunday

Who, with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance. For that which we believe of your glory, O Father, we believe the same of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

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