



The Commemoration of the Opening of the 75th Session  
of the United Nations General Assembly  
27 September 2020

11 AM The Liturgy of the Word



The Cathedral  
Church of **Saint John**  
the **Divine**

**125**  
YEARS

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, *Officiant*  
 10th Dean, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine  
 His Excellency Volkan Bozkir, *Guest Speaker*  
 President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly  
 The Cathedral Choir, Chorale, & Choristers

*In place of the readings for the day, this liturgy uses the propers 'for social justice,' as assigned in the Book of Common Prayer, to mark and pray for the current session*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Five Spirituals Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

- I. Go down, Moses
- II. This little light of mine

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

## OPENING HYMN

*Sung by All.*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be! Who  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all

one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852–1941)

Music: McKee, African American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**G**OD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* Amen.

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

**T**HE word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. (18:1–4,25–32)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 25:1–8

*Said responsively.**Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*Lector* To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;

*People* let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

*Lector* Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
*People* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

*Lector* Show me your ways, O LORD,  
*People* and teach me your paths.

*Lector* Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
*People* for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

*Lector* Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
*People* for they are from everlasting.

*Lector* Remember not the sins of my youth and  
my transgressions;  
*People* remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

*Lector* Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
*People* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

*Lector* He guides the humble in doing right  
*People* and teaches his way to the lowly.

## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Officiant* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**W**HEN Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him. (21:23–32)

*Officiant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE ADDRESS

His Excellency Volkan Bozkir, *Guest Speaker*  
*President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly*

## ANTHEM

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich* Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

**V**ERLEIH uns Frieden gnädiglich,  
 Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten!  
 Est ist doch ja kein Andrer nicht,  
 der für uns könnte streiten,  
 denn du, unser Gott alleine.

*Mercifully grant us peace,  
 Lord God, in our time;  
 there is indeed not any other  
 who could fight for us  
 but only you, our God.*

Martin Luther (1483–1546)

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said by All.*

**W**E 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 and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son  
 he is worshiped 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.

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People are asked to pray for the Church, the nations and their leaders, those in need, and the dead.*

*After each petition, the People say*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Officiant concludes with a collect, and the People respond*

Amen.

*The weekly list of Cathedral intercessions may be found on page 9 of this leaflet.*

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say

*Officiant and People*



OUR Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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## THE BLESSING

*The Officiant pronounces a blessing,  
and the People respond*

Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

1 This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light beams on  
 3 May truth and free - dom come to ev - ery na - tion! May peace a - bound where

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
 clo - ver leaf and pine. But o - ther lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,  
 strife has raged so long; that each may seek to love and build to - ge - ther,

Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But o - ther hearts in  
 And skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine: O hear my song, thou  
 A world u - ni - ted, right - ing ev - ery wrong; A world u - ni - ted

o - ther lands are beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 in its love for free-dom, pro - claim - ing peace to - ge - ther in one song.

Words: sts. 1 & 2, Lloyd Stone (1912–1993); st. 3, Georgia Elma Harkness (1891–1974)  
 Music: *Finlandia*, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Symphony No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 14 Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

VI. Final



*Thanks to Jie Yi, Christopher Cloudus, and Goura Rivera for producing the hymn videos.*

## ONLINE SERVICES

### MONDAY–SATURDAY

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM Evening Prayer

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 PM Compline

### SUNDAY

11 AM Liturgy of the Word

## INTERCESSIONS

*The Cathedral Community intends to pray the following intercessions at all services in the course of the week. Congregants are always invited to name their intercessions aloud during the Prayers of the People.*

**I**N the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. In the New York Diocesan Calendar of Intercession, we pray for Christ Church & San Marcos, Tarrytown.

For all those who are sick or in distress or any trouble:

Leslie Johnson

Marsha Ra

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead:

Nancy True

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER

10 AM – 4 PM

**The Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals.** The Cathedral of St. John the Divine welcomes you to a day of music, prayer, joy, blessings and fun in honor of Saint Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. While we cannot gather in person this year for the service or the outdoor fair, we're excited to offer an online extravaganza that will include pet blessings, children's activities, and a behind-the-scenes look at the history of one of our most beloved days of the year!

Your favorite furry, feathered, or finned companions are invited to take part in this celebratory day as well! To have your pet included in our St. Francis Day festivities, please email photos, names, social media handles and stories to [stfrancisday@stjohndivine.org](mailto:stfrancisday@stjohndivine.org). All species are welcome!

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**ONGOING PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES****THE CATHEDRAL REGATHERS**

Whether in person or on our website, there are many ways to join the Cathedral community and stay in touch. The Cathedral is now open 9:30 AM – 3 PM Mondays – Fridays and 9:30 AM – 6 PM Saturdays – Sundays. Admission for sightseeing is \$5. All those seeking individual prayer, reflection, meditation, or Columbarium visits will be welcomed without charge. Our online community resources and programs, including streaming worship services, messages from the Dean, virtual tours, music recitals, and children's activities, and contact information for Cathedral clergy, are just a few clicks away at [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CARES (CCC)  
SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN**

During this time, the CCC Soup Kitchen remains open each Sunday, serving bagged meals to those in need. For more information or to volunteer, contact Thomas Perry at [tperry@stjohndivine.org](mailto:tperry@stjohndivine.org). Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated as we continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

**THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT SAVIOUR**

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, the Cathedral's Congregation of St. Saviour, or all the different ways to make the Cathedral your spiritual home, we would love to talk to you. Please contact the Vicar at [slee@stjohndivine.org](mailto:slee@stjohndivine.org).

**IMMIGRATION AND SANCTUARY RESOURCES**

The Cathedral is a house of worship for all, regardless of immigration status. If you, or members of your family, community or parish, need assistance navigating life as an immigrant of any legal status, we hope to connect you with the resources you need. For information on upcoming programs and more resources from the city and Diocese, visit [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org).

**SERMONS ARCHIVE NOW ONLINE**

Visit the Cathedral's website to stream or download audio from past 11 AM Sunday Choral Eucharist sermons and listen on the go. Visit [stjohndivine.org/worship/archive](http://stjohndivine.org/worship/archive) to listen and download.

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