

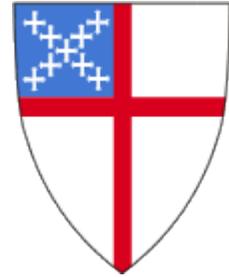
Happy Birthday to Father Gene July 10!  
Also celebrating Birthday's this week Zella Rumer, and Dick Spindler.  
Happy Anniversary to John & Nancy Burdette, and Dennis & Hazel Boettcher!

Attached is a picture of the masks we have currently available at the church. It is a white cloth mask. If you are in need please let us know.

Morning prayer will be from the church Facebook page live at 10:30am on Sunday!

## The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Sunday Closest to July 13

Proper 10  
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[Genesis 25:19-34](#)  
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### The Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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and teach me your judgments.
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**Daily Morning Prayer: July 12, 2020**  
**Rite Two**

**Officiate: James Wright; Reader: James Wright**

**Priest: Gene Sheppard**

*At any Time*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord  
Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

*The following Confession of Sin may then be said; or the Office may  
continue at once with "Lord, open our lips."*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*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 forever. Amen.

*Except in Lent, add* Alleluia.

*Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.*

*One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm*

### **Jubilate** Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before 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.

*Then follows*

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*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

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*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of  
the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to  
God.

*Or the Reader may say* Here ends the Lesson (Reading).

### **13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine* *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
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**16 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus*  
*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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**Sermon:** Rev. Gene Sheppard

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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.

*Then follows the Suffrage*

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- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

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

*The Collect of the Day*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

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 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 ourselves 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.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one  
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you  
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the  
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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

*Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Everyone fears condemnation, and the world is filled with both condemners and the condemned. The word itself is a combination of “con” which means “with” and “damnation”. Why is there so much condemning going on, when all it does is make everyone angry and miserable? More importantly, how do we get rid of it from ruling our lives? What does the Bible say?

Whether the world acknowledges this or not, the bible tells us that condemnation entered into the world in the Book of Genesis when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They were told that they would certainly die if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When they listened to Satan rather than God, the condemning curse entered into the world. Death came into the world as well as the fear of death. This condemning dread has passed from generation to generation to this day. We also see in the fall, the human tendency to blame one’s problems on someone else. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve the serpent. This is an attempt to avoid condemnation by condemning someone else. The idea is to have someone else die for one’s own sin. So this is why we have a world filled with condemners and the condemned.

The human thinking of the world leads to condemnation and condemning. It leads to isolation from God. It offers no hope, even in death. The Bible tells us the real problem is isolation. Our sins have separated us from communion with God. Redemption is not because

we lose personality and diversity. Rather it is that the Creator God, the Son, became human flesh and lived among us. It is in his condemnation and death on a cross that the means of restored fellowship occurs. We will not lose our identity in heaven. We shall know and be known. We shall be changed. Tears shall be wiped from the eyes. We will be the same and yet different. We will be one even though we are many.

We do not get absorbed into the One; we are instead reunited with God, Father Son and Holy Ghost, three yet one, the true answer to the one and many.

When we are transformed by grace, we think differently. Because we are not absorbed into the divine, we retain memory. We remember where we came from. We were once at war with God. We considered God an enemy, the great condemner. Now we experience Him as our great redeemer. Christ died for us. Part of our struggle we have in life is precisely because we have memory of who we once were. God has not erased this. We are then prone to return and wander into the old way of thinking. Yet God knows that the old way of thinking will no longer rule over His people, because He is greater in us than the spirit of the world. What we have to do is to constantly appropriate the new way of thinking. Carnal thinking leads to death and condemnation. But we no longer stand condemned. We must continue to cling to this regardless of what Satan and the world tells us. Having been freed from condemnation, we should no longer feel the need to condemn. Jesus has already been condemned for our sin. We need not blame others any more. We should of course live our lives according to the new way of thinking. We need to live uncondemnable lives in this world. We seek not to condemn others, even if their actions are condemnable. Like Jesus, we need to seek and save the lost. They need to see our thinking as strange and peculiar. They will ask us why we don't condemn, and we will be ready to provide an answer.

The new way of thinking is no longer dominated by condemnation and death but peace and life. God gives a peace that the world simply cannot understand. They cannot understand why the Christian seeks not to please themselves but God. They see people who no longer fear death.

They know that their own way of thinking is killing them and that they have no hope. They stand in fear of hell. They try to deny that there is a hell, but they know better. They know they are going there and deserve it. The gift of the Gospel is that this does not need to be. Faith transforms everything and opens our eyes to the new reality that God desires to be gracious to them rather than condemn them. They will wake up to the reality that they need not fear death because they already have tasted death in the cross of Christ. We have been baptized into His death. We are now partakers of His life. This is what we want others to discover. We want to add the "they" to the "we." Unless Jesus comes in our earthly lifetimes, this body we live in will die. But we are not dead. We live with God. We will get a new body someday, but we start eternal life the moment we believe in Jesus. We reckon the body we live in as already dead even as we anticipate a new one.

So let us constantly remind ourselves of this new reality. Let no one, either man or Satan, condemn you. At the same time, strive to give no cause for them to condemn you. Do not give Satan room to drag you down into the pit of death. You were not saved for this. You were saved for life and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.