

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 25
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020
10:30 a.m.

# Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

This service was previously recorded. Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them: http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch or on Facebook Live now.

The order of service can also be followed beginning on page 79 in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

# Concerning the Service

Use of daily prayers to mark the times of the day and to express the traditions of the praying community is traditional in Judaism and in Christianity. The third, sixth, and ninth hours (9 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m.) were times of private prayer in Judaism. The congregational or cathedral form of office developed in Christianity under Constantine (274 or 288-337) with the principal morning and evening services of lauds and vespers. The people participated in the cathedral form of office. The monastic form of office also developed at this time. By the late middle ages, the Daily Office was seen as the responsibility of the monks and clergy rather than an occasion for participation by all in the prayers of the community throughout the day.

After the Anglican Reformation, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) reduced the eight monastic offices to the two services of Morning and Evening Prayer. These services were printed in vernacular English and intended for use by all members of the church. Participation in the Daily Office is at the heart of Anglican spirituality. It is the proper form of daily public worship in the church.

- adapted from: episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/daily-office

# Organ Voluntary (video from October 29, 2017)

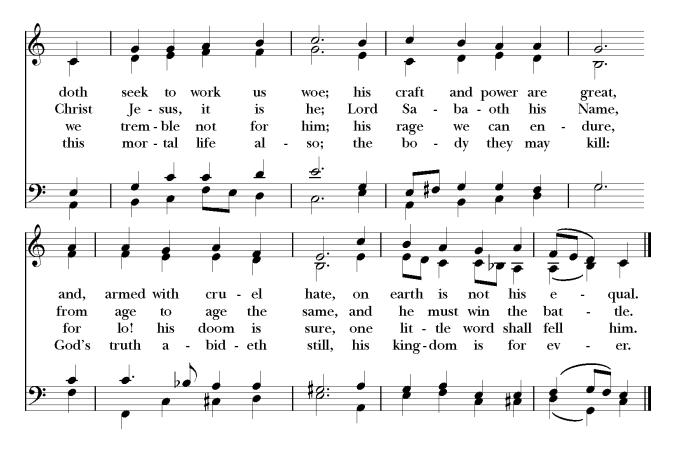
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720

#### Welcome and announcements

The tolling of the bell.





Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46 Music: Ein feste Burg, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Officiant begins the service with the opening sentence of Scripture.

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

- Psalm 43:3

#### **Confession of Sin**

The Deacon says to the people Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People together

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 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

BCP 80

BCP 649

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.

The following Antiphon is said with the Invitatory Psalm

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

# The Psalm (video from November 24, 2019)

Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium

chant: from Martin Luther

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \* a very present help in trouble.
- Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \* and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- Though its waters rage and foam, \* and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \* the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \* God shall help her at the break of day.

- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \* God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \* what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \* he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*

  I will be exalted among the nations;

  I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; \* the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### The Lessons

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ[a] for all who

believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Gloria in Excelsis (Video from October 29, 2017) William Byrd (1543-1623) from Mass for Five Voices

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

Gospeller A reading from the Gospel of John.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Rev. Dr. Carol Worthing

Silence may be kept.

## The Apostles' Creed

**BCP 96** 

chant: plainsong

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.

The Prayers BCP 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People (recorded July, 2019)

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 Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collect

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Offertory Motet (video from October 29, 2017)

Lobet den Herrn, BWV 230 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden; preiset ihn, alle Völker! Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit waltet über uns in Ewigkeit. Halleluja! O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Hallelujah!

## **Stewardship Witness**

Martha Curatolo

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow.

# The Prayers of the People

The Deacon and People pray responsively.

Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Susan our Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this city and for every city and community, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the right use of the riches of creation, especially in this critical time of climate change, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, the unsheltered, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For our families, friends, and neighbors; that, being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been	n commended to a	our prayers, especially	,	we pray	to you,
O Lord.					

#### Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially _	, we pray to you,	0	Lor	d.
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## Lord, have mercy.

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

Most gracious God, we give you thanks for this good land in which our heritage is cast: for freedom to worship you, for liberty of speech and peaceful association, for a government in which we share. Keep us ever mindful and careful of these responsibilities laid upon us, and faithful to our trust to guard and protect them for all our people; through him who is the truth that alone can make us free, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## The General Thanksgiving

**BCP 101** 

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 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.

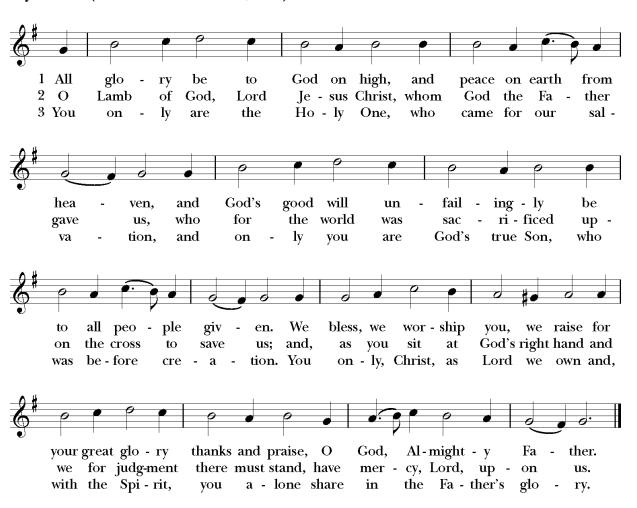
## The Blessing

## Officiant

The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, **\*\*** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Hymn 421 (video from October 29, 2017)

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis* Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymous Praetorius (1560?-1629)

#### The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

## Organ Voluntary (video from October 29, 2017)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Wir gläuben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

∫ Join our 11:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour!

Join the Zoom Meeting HERE

## Ministers of the Liturgy

Officiant: The Rev. Cn. Jeff Martinhauk Homilist: Rev. Dr. Carol Worthing Deacon: The Rev. Cn. Anne Chisham Dean: The Very Rev. Penny Bridges Readers: Robert Heylmun, Ann Gary Director of Music: Cn. Martin Green

Sub-organist & Assistant Choirmaster: Gabriel Arregui

Audio/Visual Technicians: Alex Kajokeji, Jim Langston, Liam Semple, Mike Thornburgh,

Paul Young

The building is closed but we are still the church! Our staff is still hard at work facilitating the ministry of the church in this challenging time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop. A few notes about giving in this time:

- 1. Even though the office is closed, you may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
- 2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at stpaulcathedral.org/donate. There you may schedule automatic donations that do not require the staff to handle postal mail, allowing staff to focus on other tasks and reducing contact with paper.
- 3. Consider making an additional donation to the Bishop's "For Such a Time as This" fund to help those in need across our diocesan communities. This is a time for all of us to come together to ensure that every family has what they need to survive during this current crisis. Thank you for your contribution.

Donation link with the option to donate to "For Such a Time as This" fund: <a href="https://public.serviceu.com/DonationForm/26692?orgkey=6983060e-be9e-45f6-b9b5-72a8f022f9a0&SGUID=18F8C598-8EB2-43B1-912C-61CD492DBC6F&RN=839534543">https://public.serviceu.com/DonationForm/26692?orgkey=6983060e-be9e-45f6-b9b5-72a8f022f9a0&SGUID=18F8C598-8EB2-43B1-912C-61CD492DBC6F&RN=839534543</a>

or online link: <a href="https://edsd.org/make-a-gift/">https://edsd.org/make-a-gift/</a>

or by mail to:

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego 2083 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard San Diego, CA 92107

Thank you!

#### A Litany for the Sins of Racism\*

1) Oh God, in whose image the whole human family was created, we pray for all whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence.

While those whose lives have been altered are too many to name, we remember by name, *Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Arbery, and George Floyd*, beloved children of God, whose killings have yet again exposed the pervasive poison of racial injustice, inflamed rhetoric and division, and actions that perpetuate inequality.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them all in your peace.

2) We remember their families and friends, beloved children of God each one. Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

3) We remember the residents of too many of our cities, beloved children of God, who have seen their communities disrupted by horrific violence.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

4) We remember the protestors, beloved children of God, and those still gathering across cities, states, and the country to demand justice and change.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

5) We remember the residents of too many of our cities, beloved children of God, who have seen their neighborhood erupt in violence and destruction, especially by those whose aim is to further division and hatred. We remember those who have watched their livelihoods and places of work go up in flames.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

6) We remember those killed during the riots of this past week, beloved children of God. Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

7) We remember the Black community throughout this country, beloved children of God, who have for decades cried out against injustice and brutality at the hands of police, and who have not been heard by those with the power to make change. We remember our Black brothers and sisters, groaning under the weight of redlining, segregation, underfunded schools, unequal economic opportunity, indignity, and ever-present fear.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

8) We remember our public officials, beloved children of God, managing a global pandemic, city-wide protests, violence, and profound public distrust at the same time.

Swaddle them in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

9) We pray for courage and integrity of all police officers who find themselves working within a system that has a fraught history of racial violence and injustice. We pray for courage and integrity as individuals, in this country, that we would stand for justice and work for systematic change in all our institutions.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle them in your peace.

10) We remember all citizens of this country, beloved children of God. We have been traumatized, grief-stricken, enraged, and heart-sickened by the video of one neighbor slowly snuffing the life out of another, by riots and looting, by the sounds of flash- bang grenades, the sting of tear gas, the scent of smoke, and by our own helplessness.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle us in your peace.

11) We remember those who have pledged their lives to racist ideologies, beloved children of God. We acknowledge the pain they have caused to victims of violence, to their communities, to their families, and to their own souls. We acknowledge that each of us carries racist ideology within us, and we beg your mercy to free all your people from it.

Swaddle us in your boundless love.

Cradle us in your peace.

12) We know that the sickness of racism is in this nation's very bedrock. Today we acknowledge and repent of the twin original sins of this nation: the genocide of the indigenous people of this land and the institution of chattel slavery. We know that the shockwaves from these sins still reverberate today, that the trauma from these sins live in our bodies, and that the pain we suffer now has its origin in those first treacheries.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

13) We repent of laws that codify or allow unequal treatment based on race, ethnicity, religion, or skin tone. We repent of promises broken again and again. We repent of foreign policy that sees more value in some human lives than in others.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

14) We repent of the role of the church, historically and presently, in supporting and emboldening these policies. We repent of the ways that we have made your church a home to oppression, exclusion, or indignity for any child of God.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

15) We acknowledge and repent of the fact that this country has never shared its abundance equally. We acknowledge and repent of the fact of disparities based on race, that are born out in scholastic achievement, employment, household wealth, homeownership.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

16) We repent of the ill-use of your bounty: we hoard land and wealth, manipulate plants and animals, abuse your creation, and your most vulnerable people suffer the consequences.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

17) We who benefit from white supremacy acknowledge that we have been given unearned privilege at the expense of our Indigenous, Black, Asian, Latine, brown-skinned, immigrant, and non-Christian siblings. We repent of the ways in which we have allowed our own fear, complacency, and incuriosity to blind us to the belovedness of your children, each, like us, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Help us turn away from the sin of division

And toward your all-encompassing love.

18) Oh God of infinite affection, you looked at all that you had made and called it good. By your grace, help us to look upon your creation and to see, with your mothering eyes of love, how good, how good, how good it is.

Lord, in your mercy. Christ, in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy. Amen.

## Closing Words (from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry)

"What America has seen in the past several days may leave us wondering what we can possibly do in this moment to be good Samaritans—to help heal our country, even the parts we don't know or like. But we have the answer. Now is the time for a national renewal of the ideals of human equality, liberty, and justice for all. Now is the time to commit to cherishing and respecting all lives, and to honoring the dignity and infinite worth of every child of God. Now is the time for all of us to show—in our words, our actions, and our lives—what love really looks like."

• Adapted from "A Litany for Minnesota's Sins of Racism" by Emilia Allen

## October 25, 2020 – Pentecost 21 (A)

## Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants

The Episcopal Church announces its 2021 grants program for Young Adult and Campus Ministries currently engaged in or seeking new relationships with young adults on or off college campuses. Episcopal ministries or ecumenical ministries with an Episcopal presence are invited to apply. Eligible applicants include dioceses, congregations, or college/university ministries. Grant information and applications are available at *iam.ec/enyacm*.

The three-step application process includes discernment and planning, writing the application, and online submission. This process is designed to help those who are interested in applying to discern where and how God is calling their communities to serve young adults and whether now is the right time to apply for a grant. This process is an invitation to consider how The Episcopal Church can minister with young adults on and off college campuses (including community colleges and tribal college campuses, non-traditional degree programs), in the military, and those who are not in college.

The four grant categories include:

- **Leadership Grants** establish a new, restore a dormant, or reenergize a current campus ministry. Grant will range from \$8,000-30,000 and can be used over a two-year period.
- Campus Ministry Grants provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants \$1,000-8,000.
- Young Adult Ministry Grants provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative young adult ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants \$1,000-5,000.
- **Project Grants** provide money for a one-time project that will enhance and impact the campus or young adult ministry. Grants \$100-2,000.

A total of \$133,000 is available for this cycle, with a total of \$400,000 available during this triennium. These grants are for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Episcopal ministries or ecumenical ministries with an Episcopal presence engaged in or seeking a new relationship with young adults on or off college campuses are invited to apply. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, each grant application needs to address how this project or ministry can be safely and reasonably done with COVID-19 safety precautions in place. Please use your state and diocesan guidelines.



Deadline for applications is November 20 at 10:00 pm Eastern time. If you have further questions, please contact the Rev. Shannon Kelly, director for the department of faith formation and officer for young adult and campus ministry at *skelly@episcopalchurch.org* or 212-716-6081, or Valerie Harris, faith formation associate at *vharris@episcopalchurch.org* or 212-716-6099.

## United Nations Day

The United Nations celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary on October 24, 2020. On this date in 1945, the UN was born when the United Nations Charter came into force. 75 years later, the UN remains the world's most broadly representative forum for peacemaking and dialogue on many global issues. It gathers 193 nations and many specialized agencies focused on international peace and security, human rights, international law, humanitarian assistance and sustainable development.

Why should Episcopalians care about United Nations Day?

First, it is a day to remember and celebrate the ways in which Episcopalians have been involved with the UN since its founding. For example, Episcopalian Eleanor Roosevelt was part of the first United States delegation to the United Nations, the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We continue this legacy by taking our rightful places in dreaming and building a better and more peaceful world with the UN.



Second, it is a day to recall that UN action is one way by which Episcopalians uphold our Baptismal Covenant promises to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves," and "strive for justice and peace among all people." Engaging with the UN helps equip Episcopalians in responding to Jesus, who calls us to care for our world, heal the sick, welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, serve the poor, and proclaim good news to the captives and the oppressed.

Episcopalians have expertise to offer, stories to tell, voices to amplify and resources and services to share. Episcopalians in local parishes and dioceses inform, educate, raise awareness and develop local programs, and commemorate UN international observances. They work in peace building, justice and reconciliation, eradicating poverty, and supporting human development through the Sustainable Development Goals, adapting to climate change and protecting the environment, ensuring food security, protecting human rights, empowering women and girls, supporting the rights and dignity of indigenous peoples – and more.

Finally, on United Nations Day we can join in praying for the UN and all countries of the world, using the *Prayer for Peace Among the Nations* in our Book of Common Prayer.

For more information and to learn how you can get involved, visit The Episcopal Church and the United Nations at *episcopalchurch.org/episcopal-church-and-united-nations* or follow @EpiscopalUN social media on Facebook, Twitter and via #EpiscopalUN. For more information about the United Nations, visit *un.org*.

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