

Children (of all ages)  
Morning Prayer Service  
Sept 27, 2020  
Creation THEME: Water



**Welcome:** *Fr. Peter and Danny the Puppet*

**Song:** *Wade in the Water* (performed by The Episcopal High School Choir, Alexandria, Virginia at The Virginia Theological Seminary in November 2015).

*Fr. Peter and Puppet Danny introduce...*

**Reading One: Exodus 17:1-7 (Water from a Rock) (Common English Bible Version)**

Deacon Tom:

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at

Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?”

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”

So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.”

The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Fr. Peter and Danny introduce the song.....*

**Sing Along at Home Song:** *Water Me* (written and performed by Jim Strathdee and family)

**Reading Two: The Gospel According to Matthew 21: 28b – 31** (Common English Bible Version)

Deacon Tom:

Jesus said, “A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

“No, I don’t want to,’ he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

“The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, ‘Yes, sir.’ But he didn’t go.

“Which one of these two did his father’s will?”

They said, “The first one.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Sermon: Fr. Peter and his puppet pal, “California” Dan!**

**The Children’s Creed (for Children of All Ages)**

I believe in God above,  
I believe in Jesus' love.  
I believe His Spirit too,  
comes to tell me what to do.

I believe that I can be  
kind and good,  
Dear Lord, like Thee.

Amen.

*Fr. Peter and Puppet Danny introduce the prayers....*

**Collect Prayer for Proper 21**

O God, 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. *Amen.*

**Prayer to be Called as God's partners in the Care of the Planet** (adapted from 78 General Convention: Supplemental Materials: Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation)

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth. Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Prayer For the Care and Gift of Water** (adapted from 78 General Convention: Supplemental Materials: Liturgical Materials)

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water — the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. *Amen.*

*Fr. Peter, with Danny, introduces....*

### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

**Prayer Anthem:** *He's got the Whole world in his hands.* Lift Every Voice and Sing, #217

**Final prayer** (from the BCP – Morning devotions for families)

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.*

**Postlude:** *Children's Medley*, "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Mark Hayes

Join us for our online Coffee Hour!!

**Thanks to today's readers:**

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**Holly Wilson**

**and our musicians!**

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**“Water Me ”**