

Holyrood Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer

Date: Wednesday, September 04, 2019
Church Day: Wednesday of Ordinary Time; Proper 17 (Year C)
+ Jones, Paul, 1941 +

Psalm 119 : 25 – 48 (EP)*

- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; * // **give me life according to your word.**
- 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; * // **instruct me in your statutes.**
- 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, * // **that I may meditate on your marvelous works.**
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; * // **strengthen me according to your word.**
- 29 Take from me the way of lying; * // **let me find grace through your law.**
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; * // **I have set your judgments before me.**
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; * // **O LORD, let me not be put to shame.**
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, * // **for you have set my heart at liberty.**

Psalm 119 : 33 – 48

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, * // **and I shall keep it to the end.**
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * // **I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * // **for that is my desire.**
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees * // **and not to unjust gain.**
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * // **give me life in your ways.**
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * // **which you make to those who fear you.**
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * // **because your judgments are good.**
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * // **in your righteousness preserve my life.**
- 41 Let your loving-kindness come to me, O LORD, * // **and your salvation, according to your promise.**
- 42 Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * // **because I trust in your words.**
- 43 Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * // **for my hope is in your judgments.**
- 44 I shall continue to keep your law; * // **I shall keep it for ever and ever.**
- 45 I will walk at liberty, * // **because I study your commandments.**
- 46 I will tell of your decrees before kings * // **and will not be ashamed.**
- 47 I delight in your commandments, * // **which I have always loved.**
- 48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, * // **and I will meditate on your statutes.**

Reading 1: 1 Kings 9:24—10:13 (NRSV)

Pharaoh's daughter went up from the city of David to her own house that Solomon had built for her;

then he built the Millo. Three times a year Solomon used to offer up burnt offerings and sacrifices of well-being on the altar that he built for the LORD, offering incense before the LORD. So he completed the house. King Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who were familiar with the sea, together with the servants of Solomon. They went to Ophir, and imported from there four hundred twenty talents of gold, which they delivered to King Solomon. When the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, (fame due to the name of the LORD), she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. When the queen of Sheba had observed all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his valets, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. So she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your accomplishments and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. Not even half had been told me; your wisdom and prosperity far surpass the report that I had heard. Happy are your wives! Happy are these your servants, who continually attend you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king to execute justice and righteousness." Then she gave the king one hundred twenty talents of gold, a great quantity of spices, and precious stones; never again did spices come in such quantity as that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a great quantity of almug wood and precious stones. From the almug wood the king made supports for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, lyres also and harps for the singers; no such almug wood has come or been seen to this day. Meanwhile King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba every desire that she expressed, as well as what he gave her out of Solomon's royal bounty. Then she returned to her own land, with her servants.

Canticle G : A Song of Ezekiel

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

"I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God."

Reading 2: James 3:1-12 (NRSV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no

mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Canticle 16 : The Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus Dominus Deus*) [Omitted]

Reading 3: Mark 15:1-11 (NRSV)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things, Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Collect: Jones, Paul, 1941, Rite Two

Merciful God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in this and every land witnesses who, after the example of your servant Paul Jones, will stand firm in proclaiming the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect: Proper 17, Rite Two

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

La Colecta: Propio 17

Señor de todo poder y fortaleza, autor y dador de todo bien: Injerta en nuestros corazones el amor a tu Nombre, acrecienta en nosotros la verdadera religión, n ú t r e n o s con toda bondad, y produce en nosotros los frutos de buenas obras; por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

(EP)* Psalm 38 appointed for this morning has been replaced with Evening Prayer Psalm 119: 25 – 48.

Paul Jones (25 November 1880 – 4 September 1941) was the [Episcopal](#) Bishop of [Utah](#) (1916–1918), a socialist, and a prominent [pacifist](#).

In 1957 the Lambeth Conference adopted a statement condemning war as a method of settling international disputes, finding it incompatible with Jesus' teaching and urging extension of the right of conscientious objection. In 1962, the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops passed a resolution recognizing "the validity of the calling of the conscientious objector and the pacifist and the duty of the Church fully to minister to him, and its obligation to see that we live in a society in which the dictates of his conscience are respected." [5] Since 1994, the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA) has remembered Bishop Jones on the anniversary of his death, September 4.