

Morning Prayer Sunday, August 2, 2020

Opening Verse – The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

People: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

An Invitation to Confession:

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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.**

Officiant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 (All)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Please be seated.

Psalm 145:8-9;15-22

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

A Reading from Romans (9:1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the

patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 2 : A Song of Praise

Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are you for the name of your Majesty; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are you in the temple of your holiness; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

**Blessed are you that beholds the depths,
and dwells between the Cherubim; ***

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are you on the glorious throne of your kingdom; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed are you, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

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.

Please stand.

The Gospel according to Matthew (14:13-21)

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

.Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**We 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.**

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Suffrages A

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.

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.

Prayers of the People in a Time of Pandemic

Adapted and expanded from the New Zealand Prayer Book (Anglican)

The Deacon and People pray responsively.

Deacon: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. In times of social distancing, we ask for a renewed concern for those who are unable to be physically present with their parish family.

People: Grant that we may walk together in your presence.

Deacon: Father, enliven the Church for its mission of love and reconciliation. Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Deacon: We pray for the world: in times of pandemic we pray for selfless concern for all who are at risk:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Deacon: We pray for the community: in the midst of anxiety about difference and economic disparity, call us into remembering we are one

family with the same Father in heaven.

People: That we all may be one.

Deacon: We pray for all who struggle in this economic down-turn, for employment opportunities, for fair and equitable distribution of resources, for wisdom and compassion for employers and for government at every level struggling with greatly reduced revenue.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Deacon: God of trust, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage. Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. We pray for your Holy Spirit to equip and guide us; keeping us ever mindful of how our actions affect the health and lives of our entire community especially in this time of pandemic.

People: Strengthen us to love one another as Christ loves us.

Deacon: We pray for our children and young adults in this challenging time; helping them grow in knowledge while keeping them safe. We thank you for the dedication of our educators and administrators and ask that you bless them with wisdom and courage.

People: Give us power to reveal Jesus in word and action.

Deacon: We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Make us willing agents of your compassion. We pray especially for all who in their healing and helping vocations risk their health for the sake of others.

People: May they know the healing power of your love.

Deacon: We remember those who have died and those who mourn. As we pray for *all* who have died from the COVID virus, from senseless violence and from accidental and untimely death...both those who died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: Father, into your hands, we commend them.

Deacon: Give comfort to those who mourn. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory. May their example inspire and encourage us.

People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Deacon: We pray for ourselves and our ministries: show us how to BE your hope encouragement and inspiration in practical hands of compassion.

People: That we may faithfully walk in compassion and mercy.

Deacon: Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Silence

Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Act of Reception

Let us pray: In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered in their homes around this town and community, especially our brothers and sisters of St Philip's family, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

People: Amen.

Please stand.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

Silent Pause for personal prayer.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Blessing

Retiring Procession

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please continue your socially distanced conversations outside the worship space to allow for the next service to begin seating.

Thank you for your cooperation.