

## *Morning Prayer Sunday, August 23, 2020*

### *Opening Verse*

#### *An Invitation to Confession:*

*Officiant:* Let us 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.**

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## Psalm 124

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
**let Israel now say;**
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
**when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
**in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
**and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
**have gone right over us.**
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

### **A Reading from the Book of Exodus (1:8-2:10)**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the

Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she

saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Canticle 8 The Song of Moses** *Cantemus Domino*  
*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
**the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.**

**The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \***  
**the Lord has become my Savior.**

**This is my God and I will praise him, \***  
**the God of my people and I will exalt him.**

**The Lord is a mighty warrior; \***  
**Yahweh is his Name.**

**The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \***

**the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.**

**The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \***

**they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy  
dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and 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.**

### **A Reading from St. Paul to the Romans (12:1-8)**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 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.**

**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 (16:13-20)**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you



are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## **Suffrages B**

**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.**

### *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 self-less 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*

### **Collect for the Parish**

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

### **The Offertory**

**Offertory Sentence:** (Congregation stands and says the following with the presentation of gifts.)

**“All things come of you, O Lord, and of Your own have we given 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.**

**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***

**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*

*Retiring Procession*

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**People: Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

*Thank you for your cooperation.*