

## *Morning Prayer Sunday, October 11, 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:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

## **Venite**

*Psalms 95:1-7*

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 23

### *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is  
running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **A Reading from Exodus (32:1-14)**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Canticle 9**

## **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***

**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***

**and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 20**

**Glory to God**

*Gloria in excelsis*

**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.**

*Please stand.*

### **The Gospel according to Matthew (21:23-32)**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:1-14)

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the



streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### *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.**

## **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.*