



Morning Prayer Rite II
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2020

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SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

During the time of this pandemic we will continue to offer Morning Prayer Rite II on-line via our Facebook page, web-site and YouTube channel. Prior to the publication of the *1978 Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), Morning Prayer was the worship service we used regularly. Many congregations offered Holy Communion once a month and Morning Prayer on the remaining Sundays. With publication of the 1978 BCP, our pattern of worship moved to Holy Communion every Sunday of the month unless a priest was not present. Thus, Morning Prayer was seldom used and much of its beauty forgotten until now.

MORNING PRAYER RITE II – PROPER 25
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Saint Paul reminds us that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39). For the time being, we are physically separated from one another; yet, our community will continue to strive to be loving, joyous and inclusive. All you need to participate in this time of prayer is found in this bulletin.

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas

Charles Callahan

OPENING SENTENCE

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, who was, and is, and is to come!

Revelation 4:8

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People say together

**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.**

The Officiant stands and says

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.
Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.

Then follows an Invitatory Psalm, the Officiant and People saying together

JUBILATE

Psalm 100

Antiphon Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

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.

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Then follows the appointed Psalm.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge*
 from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,*
 from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,*
 “Go back, O child of earth.”
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past*
 and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream;*
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;*
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?* be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;*
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us*
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works*
 and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;*
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

At the end of the Psalm is said by all

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain – that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees – as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The following Canticle is said by all

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Reader A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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A SONG OF CHRIST'S HUMILITY

Philippians 2:6-11

**Though in the form of God,*
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,*
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself*
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him*
and given him the name above every name.
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,*
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:34-46

Reader A reading from the gospel of Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

The Rev. Karen C. Lewis

The following is said by all

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People pray together

**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.**

SUFFRAGES

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.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Spirit of justice and truth, grant to our governments and all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy; protect them from corruption and the temptation of self-serving. Help us to commit ourselves to the common good that our land may be a secure home for all its peoples, through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pondering the two great commandments of the law, let us pray together, saying: O Lord of love, hear our prayer.

That the church throughout the world, including our own worshipping community; may love you with all its heart and soul and mind, and may show your love in all its life, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

That our country, in all its foreign and domestic policies, may care for aliens and immigrants, the indigent and the oppressed, all victims of economic exploitation, and all poorer and smaller nations, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

That those running for election will be wise in their decisions, compassionate toward those in need, and live with integrity at all times, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer**

That the leaders of the churches, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Bonnie our bishop and Karen our rector, with insight and fidelity, may practice love and compassion for all in need and for all who are ill especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name either silently or aloud _____, and for all outcasts of society, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

That like the Thessalonians, our community may live in the faith and joy of the Holy Spirit, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

That the wealth of our land may enable us to live in just stewardship of the earth's goods, in care for our natural resources, and in compassion for the needy, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

That we may follow the example of the faithful who have gone before us, remembering all who have died, O Lord of love, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant concludes the prayers saying

O God, you care for the widow and the orphan, and you hear the cry of the poor. Listen also to our cry; change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh with which to love you in truth and for your sake to show compassion to all your creatures. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

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 Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Then the Officiant says

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following

Lord Jesus Christ, send us out with confidence in your word to tell the world of your saving acts, and bring glory to your name. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Timothy Albrecht

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose
between
preserving their health or making their rent
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember
those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.
Amen.

Author unknown



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

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We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers: Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, John & Grace Hawkins, Julie, Van Anderson, Marian Boulus, Nancy Rudd, Meadow Rawlins, Thomasina Canty, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Norma Lindholm, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Claudia Hamlin, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Rick Wendorf, Chris Krupka, Paul Doersam, Jason Thomas, Robert Madrigal, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, April Cruz, Karlene Bach, Sally Boron, Pam & John Irwin, Kate Johnson, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael Crouch, Terry Bryce, Sherry Sutton, Danielle Laurion, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Karen Clarke, Eric, Amy Crabtree, Judy Manson, Patricia McMartin, Doug Boor, Craig, Odie, Leonard, Sarah, Larry Gut, Delaine Counsellor, Ellie Doersam, Gail & Bill Kendall, Lynn Dayton, Herb Tanner & Stacey O'Toole, and Brian Baker.

We pray and remember those in the Military, and those who are serving in dangerous areas: Brendan Moody, Zachariah Reeves, Zachary Bellinger, Conrad Laurion, Alex Van Koevering, Tyson Carter, Amy Peryea, Suzette Bauman, John Bellinger, Doug Laurion, Erika Harkness Wilson, McKenzie Counsellor, and Josh Cramer.

We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members & family: John & Grace Hawkins, Dan & Barb Heany, Susan Henderson, and Ryan, Leigh, & Hannah Henrys.

We pray this week for the following community service agency: Rural Ingham County Senior Citizens Office, 218 E. Maple, Mason 48854

We pray for our worshipping communities: St. John the Evangelist, Peidra Blanca, DR; Church of the Redeemer, Barahone, DR; Church of the Messiah, Detroit; and St. Luke's, Ferndale.

We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church in Wales, and the Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea & Brecon.

We pray for: Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; our worship ministers, and staff at St. Paul's.

