Morning Prayer at St. Paul's for Sunday, August 16, 2020

Rite Two

Seeking to Love with the heart of Christ, to Think with the mind of Christ and to Act in the world as the Body of Christ.



OPENING HYMN *My faith looks up to thee (Olivet)* (H 691)

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

VERSICLE

All stand

| Officiant | O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise. |
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| People | And your glory all the day long. |

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON

The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

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

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God, *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

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

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

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

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
³Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
⁴It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
⁵For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.
At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

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 Lessons

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-24, 29-32

The people sit.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹¹So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹²Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ¹⁶If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹You will say,

"Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness toward you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

The service continues with the hymn on the following page.

HYMN

Lord, give us your Spirit



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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28

The people sit.

A Reading from Matthew.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Silence may follow.

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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 holv catholic Church. the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Deacon Noah Stansbury

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



INTERCESSIONS

Joining our prayers to blessed Mary the Mother of God and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence follows and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

We especially pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Dot and Bill, Violet, Jude, Roy and Charlotte, Zanie Devareaux, Dave, Frieda Wald, Adam and Marilane Carter and family.

For our brothers and sisters in Cange and Bois Joli.

For those who grieve, those who have lost jobs.

For healing for our nation.

For justice and peace.

For the President and all who are in authority.

For health care workers and all first responders.

For hospice care workers.

For all students, faculty and staff of schools and universities.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church: that believers and nonbelievers may work and talk together, healing the wounds that prejudice and rejection have inflicted upon us all. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world: that people may cease to label and exclude one another as foreigners, choosing instead to rejoice in one another's gifts. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our nation: that we who are divided by religious, ethnic, and racial conflict may seek reconciliation, and that our leaders may be moved to seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whom we encounter on the borders of our lives: that immigrants and refugees, the homeless and the hungry may find from us a ready welcome, transforming strangers into valued neighbors. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us offer thanksgiving for all God's gifts in this life, especially for for our new Deacon, Noah Stansbury and his ministry among us. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Sharon Lane, Beth Carney, Crawford Robb, Serena DuBose, Melanie Beddow, and Eric Crouse. Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have departed this life, that the Lord God may welcome our dead and grant them joy in their eternal home. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds this concluding prayer:

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee to you for aid. Deliver us from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and as we perceive how frail and uncertain our life is, grant that we may turn our hearts unto the heavenly Wisdom which leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

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