



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.

Morning Prayer at St. Paul's for Sunday, September 13, 2020 Rite Two

OPENING HYMN



Glorify Thy Name

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OPENING SENTENCE

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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

OfficiantO God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.PeopleAnd 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

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation: People: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY

The Officiant and people say together 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!

ANTIPHON

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PSALM: Psalm 114

¹Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, ²Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion. ³The sea beheld it and fled: * Jordan turned and went back. ⁴The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep. ⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back? ⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep? ⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the God of Jacob, ⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring. 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

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites

went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

The Song of Moses S 212 (Canticle 8) (Pinkham)

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 forever. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

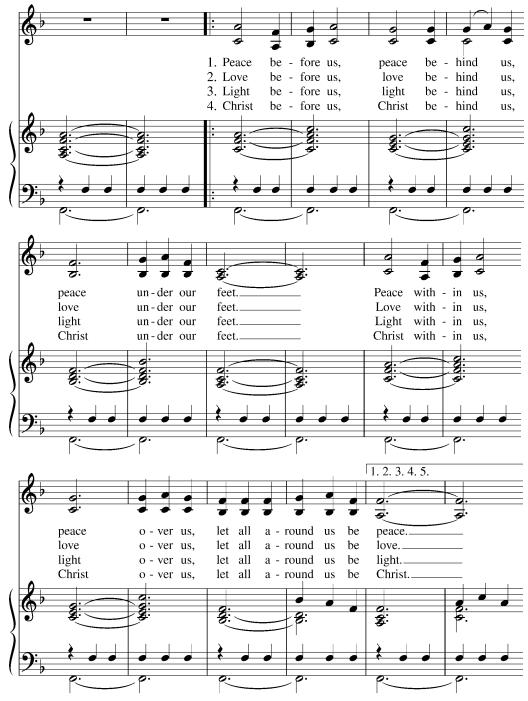
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The service continues with the hymn on the next page.





THIRD READING: Matthew 18:21-35

A Reading from Matthew.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle

accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.''

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

REFLECTIONS

Deacon Noah Stansbury

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

SALUTATION

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 (BCP p. 97)

- 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 (BCP p. 98)

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

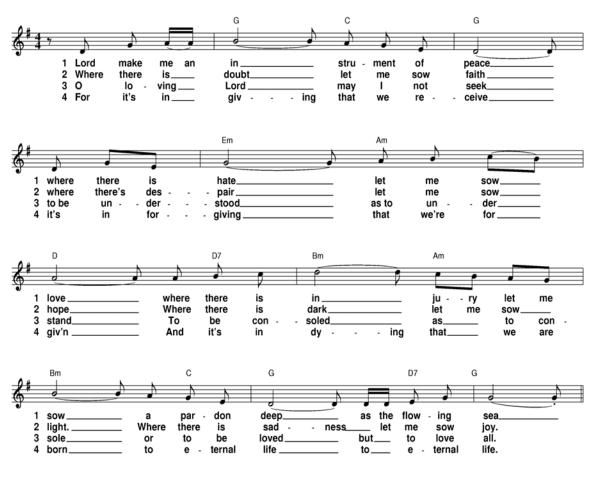
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

HYMN

Lord Make me an Instrument

O WALY WALY

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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.

Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Dot and Bill, Violet, Jude, Roy and Charlotte, Adam and family, John, Chesley, Frieda Wald, R. Haynes, John, Lindsey and Nathaneil, Peggy Sue, John and Lynn Shaw, Norma and George, Luther and Dorothy. 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 all who bear the name of Jesus may be mindful of the Lord's gracious forgiveness and gladly extend forgiveness to others. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the world: that those who carry the scars of war and oppression may bear witness that breaks the cycle of hatred and war. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our nation: that those overwhelmed by financial worries may find understanding, opportunity, and justice. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our communities: that those who work for justice here and in every place may bear witness that we do not live for ourselves only but as servants of God and of each other. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this parish: that we who have been united by baptism and reconciled by repentance may bear witness to God's unconditional love by forgiving one another from the heart. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us offer thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Jim Reed, Hap Wheeler, Laura Henry and Mel Harriss. 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. Let us pray for those who have departed this life especially Marilane Carter, Jerry Morris, Lily Shaw and Jack Lial, that all who were bound on earth to Christ may be bound in heaven to the communion of the blessed. 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

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

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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