

Friday of Proper 12 in Year 1  
Morning Prayer

### **Opening Sentence**

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

### **Versicle and Response**

Lord, open our lips.  
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. Alleluia.

### **Invitatory**

#### **Venite**

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!

### **Psalms**

#### **Psalm 69**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God,\*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.  
<sup>2</sup>I am sinking in deep mire,\*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.

<sup>3</sup>I have come into deep waters,\*  
and the torrent washes over me.

<sup>4</sup>I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed;\*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.

<sup>5</sup>Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?

<sup>6</sup>O God, you know my foolishness,\*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.

<sup>7</sup>Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord GOD of hosts;\*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>9</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.

<sup>10</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;\*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>11</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,\*  
but that was turned to my reproach.

<sup>12</sup>I put on sack-cloth also,\*  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>13</sup>Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,\*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:

<sup>15</sup>"In your great mercy, O God,\*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>16</sup>Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

<sup>17</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up;\*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>18</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me."

<sup>19</sup>"Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>20</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;\*  
because of my enemies deliver me.

<sup>21</sup>You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight."

<sup>22</sup>Reproach has broken my heart, and it cannot be healed;\*  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
for comforters, but I could find no one.

<sup>23</sup>They gave me gall to eat,\*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

<sup>24</sup>Let the table before them be a trap \*  
and their sacred feasts a snare.

<sup>25</sup>Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see,\*  
and give them continual trembling in their loins.

<sup>26</sup>Pour out your indignation upon them,\*  
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

<sup>27</sup>Let their camp be desolate,\*  
and let there be none to dwell in their tents.

<sup>28</sup>For they persecute him whom you have stricken \*  
and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.

<sup>29</sup>Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt,\*  
and let them not receive your vindication.

<sup>30</sup>Let them be wiped out of the book of the living \*  
and not be written among the righteous.

<sup>31</sup>As for me, I am afflicted and in pain;\*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.

<sup>32</sup>I will praise the Name of God in song;\*  
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.

<sup>33</sup>This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen,\*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.

<sup>34</sup>The afflicted shall see and be glad;\*  
you who seek God, your heart shall live.

<sup>35</sup>For the LORD listens to the needy,\*  
and his prisoners he does not despise.

<sup>36</sup>Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;

<sup>37</sup>For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;\*  
they shall live there and have it in possession.

<sup>38</sup>The children of his servants will inherit it,\*

and those who love his Name will dwell therein.

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.

## **Reading**

### **2 Samuel 5:1-12**

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, ‘Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, ‘You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back’—thinking, ‘David cannot come in here.’ Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. David had said on that day, ‘Whoever wishes to strike down the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates.’\* Therefore it is said, ‘The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.’ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

King Hiram of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar trees, and carpenters and masons who built David a house. David then perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

## **Reading**

### **Acts 17:1-15**

After Paul and Silas\* had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah\* to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, ‘This is the Messiah,\* Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.’ Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason’s house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers\* before the city authorities,\* shouting, ‘These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.’ The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

That very night the believers\* sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. Then the believers\* immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. Those who conducted Paul brought him as

far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb**

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for ever more.

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 Apostle's 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 Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let 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 for ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 12**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

**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.

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Ephesians 3:20,21