

## Morning Prayer

### Tuesday after the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

*Psalm 122:1*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

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*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.  
Alleluia.

#### Venite

*Psalm 95:1-7*

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

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!

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

#### Psalm 26

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Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; \*

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*

examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; \*

I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, \*

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.  
I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,  
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.  
LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.  
Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,  
Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.  
As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.  
My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

## **Psalm 28**

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O LORD, I call to you; my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the Pit.  
Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.  
Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.  
Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.  
According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.  
They have no understanding of the LORD'S doings, nor of the works of his hands; \*  
therefore he will break them down and not build them up.  
Blessed is the LORD! \*  
for he has heard the voice of my prayer.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;  
Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise him.  
The LORD is the strength of his people, \*  
a safe refuge for his anointed.  
Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them 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 for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson Joshua 2:15-24**

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, "Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way." The men said to her, "We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you." She said, "According to your words, so be it." She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

They departed and went into the hill country and stayed there three days, until the pursuers returned. The pursuers had searched all along the way and found nothing. Then the two men came down again from the hill country. They crossed over, came to Joshua son of Nun, and told him all that had happened to them. They said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands; moreover all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before us."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **13. A Song of Praise      *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34***

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### **The Second Lesson Matt. 25:14-30**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five

more talents, saying, Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

**18. A Song to the Lamb**                      *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

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 evermore.

**The Apostles' Creed**                      **BCP p. 96**

**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

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

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 B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

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

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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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.**

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*