

Morning Prayer

Monday after the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Psalms 95:1-7

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: 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!

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Psalms 56

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Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; *
all day long they assault and oppress me.

They hound me all the day long; *
truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

Whenever I am afraid, *
I will put my trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
for what can flesh do to me?

All day long they damage my cause; *
 their only thought is to do me evil.
 They band together; they lie in wait; *
 they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.
 Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
 O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.
 You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; *
 are they not recorded in your book?
 Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; *
 this I know, for God is on my side.
 In God the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, *
 for what can mortals do to me?
 I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; *
 I will present to you thank-offerings;
 For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, *
 that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57

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Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; *
 in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.
 I will call upon the Most High God, *
 the God who maintains my cause.
 He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; *
 God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.
 I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; *
 their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.
 They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; *
 they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.
 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
 and your glory over all the earth.
 My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
 I will sing and make melody.
 Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; *
 I myself will waken the dawn.
 I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; *
 I will sing praise to you among the nations.
 For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, *
 and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
 Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, *
 and your glory over all the earth.

Psalm 58

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Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? *
 do you judge the peoples with equity?
 No; you devise evil in your hearts, *
 and your hands deal out violence in the land.
 The wicked are perverse from the womb; *
 liars go astray from their birth.

They are as venomous as a serpent, *
 they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,
 Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, *
 no matter how skillful his charming.
 O God, break their teeth in their mouths; *
 pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
 Let them vanish like water that runs off; *
 let them wither like trodden grass.
 Let them be like the snail that melts away, *
 like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.
 Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; *
 like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.
 The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; *
 they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.
 And they will say, "Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; *
 surely, there is a God who rules in the earth."
 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 24:16-33

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD. Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God." So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

After these things Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred ten years old. They buried him in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel. The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem, in the portion of ground that Jacob had bought from the children of Hamor, the

father of Shechem, for one hundred pieces of money; it became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph. Eleazar son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah, the town of his son Phinehas, which had been given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

9. The First Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
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 Second Lesson Matt. 27:24-31

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

19. The Song of the Redeemed *Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
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 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 BCP p. 97

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.

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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 Collect of the Day

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.**

William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909

O Lord our God, we thank you for instilling in the heart of your servant William Reed
Huntington a fervent love for your church and its mission in the world; and we pray that, with
unflagging faith in your promises, we may make known to all people your blessed gift of eternal
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of
death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law,
and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the
day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

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.**

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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13