

## Morning Prayer

### Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

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*

### 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*

*The earth is the Lord's for he made it: 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!

*The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.*

### Psalm 69

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Save me, O God, \*

for the waters have risen up to my neck.

I am sinking in deep mire, \*

and there is no firm ground for my feet.

I have come into deep waters, \*

and the torrent washes over me.

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

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?  
O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.  
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.  
Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.  
I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.  
Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.  
I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.  
I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.  
Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.  
But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.  
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.  
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.  
Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me."  
"Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.  
Draw near to me and redeem me; \*  
because of my enemies deliver me.  
You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; \*  
my adversaries are all in your sight."  
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.  
They gave me gall to eat, \*  
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.  
[Let the table before them be a trap \*  
and their sacred feasts a snare.  
Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, \*  
and give them continual trembling in their loins.  
Pour out your indignation upon them, \*  
and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.  
Let their camp be desolate, \*  
and let there be none to dwell in their tents.  
For they persecute him whom you have stricken \*  
and add to the pain of those whom you have pierced.  
Lay to their charge guilt upon guilt, \*  
and let them not receive your vindication.

Let them be wiped out of the book of the living \*  
and not be written among the righteous.]  
As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; \*  
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.  
I will praise the Name of God in song; \*  
I will proclaim his greatness with thanksgiving.  
This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen, \*  
more than bullocks with horns and hoofs.  
The afflicted shall see and be glad; \*  
you who seek God, your heart shall live.  
For the LORD listens to the needy, \*  
and his prisoners he does not despise.  
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, \*  
the seas and all that moves in them;  
For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; \*  
they shall live there and have it in possession.  
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.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson Eccles. 11:9-12:14**

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; in the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity. Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly. The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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

#### **10. The Second Song of Isaiah      *Isaiah 55:6-11***

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.

#### **The Second Lesson Matt. 16:21-28**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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**    **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.

## Suffrages A

- ∇. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
∇. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
∇. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
∇. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
∇. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
∇. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
∇. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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*