

## Morning Prayer

### Friday after Pentecost

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

### 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 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.*

### Psalms 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**

**Ecclus. 45:6-16**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

He exalted Aaron, a holy man like Moses  
 who was his brother, of the tribe of Levi.  
 He made an everlasting covenant with him,  
 and gave him the priesthood of the people.  
 He blessed him with stateliness,  
 and put a glorious robe on him.  
 He clothed him in perfect splendour,  
 and strengthened him with the symbols of authority,  
 the linen undergarments, the long robe, and the ephod.  
 And he encircled him with pomegranates,  
 with many golden bells all round,  
 to send forth a sound as he walked,  
 to make their ringing heard in the temple  
 as a reminder to his people;  
 with the sacred vestment, of gold and violet  
 and purple, the work of an embroiderer;  
 with the oracle of judgement, Urim and Thummim;  
 with twisted crimson, the work of an artisan;  
 with precious stones engraved like seals,  
 in a setting of gold, the work of a jeweller,  
 to commemorate in engraved letters  
 each of the tribes of Israel;  
 with a gold crown upon his turban,

inscribed like a seal with Holiness',  
a distinction to be prized, the work of an expert,  
a delight to the eyes, richly adorned.  
Before him such beautiful things did not exist.  
No outsider ever put them on,  
but only his sons  
and his descendants in perpetuity.  
His sacrifices shall be wholly burned  
twice every day continually.  
Moses ordained him,  
and anointed him with holy oil;  
it was an everlasting covenant for him  
and for his descendants as long as the heavens endure,  
to minister to the Lord and serve as priest  
and bless his people in his name.  
He chose him out of all the living  
to offer sacrifice to the Lord,  
incense and a pleasing odour as a memorial portion,  
to make atonement for the people.

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**

**2 Cor. 12:11-21**

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

I have been a fool! You forced me to it. Indeed you should have been the ones commending me, for I am not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, signs and wonders and mighty works. How have you been worse off than the other churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong! Here I am, ready to come to you this third time. And I will not be a burden, because I do not want what is yours but you; for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children. I will most gladly spend and be spent for you. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? Let it be assumed that I did not burden you. Nevertheless (you say) since I was crafty, I took you in by deceit. Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Titus did not take advantage of you, did he? Did we not conduct ourselves with the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps? Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves before you? We are speaking in Christ before God. Everything we do, beloved, is for the sake of building you up. For I fear that when I come, I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish; I fear that there may perhaps be quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. I fear that when I come again, my God may humble me before you, and that I may have to mourn over many who previously sinned and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and licentiousness that they have practiced.

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**

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**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 A

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, 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 now 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*