

## Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 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!

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### Psalm 38

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.

For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.

For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.

My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.  
I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.  
My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.  
I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.  
O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  
and my sighing is not hidden from you.  
My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.  
My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  
my neighbors stand afar off.  
Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin and plot treachery all the day long.  
But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.  
I have become like one who does not hear \*  
and from whose mouth comes no defense.  
For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; \*  
you will answer me, O Lord my God.  
For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."  
Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  
and my pain is always with me.  
I will confess my iniquity \*  
and be sorry for my sin.  
Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.  
Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  
because I follow the course that is right.  
O LORD, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.  
Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.  
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 Prov. 17:1-20**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Better is a dry morsel with quiet  
than a house full of feasting with strife.  
A slave who deals wisely will rule over a child who acts shamefully,  
and will share the inheritance as one of the family.  
The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold,

but the LORD tests the heart.  
An evildoer listens to wicked lips;  
and a liar gives heed to a mischievous tongue.  
Those who mock the poor insult their Maker;  
those who are glad at calamity will not go unpunished.  
Grandchildren are the crown of the aged,  
and the glory of children is their parents.  
Fine speech is not becoming to a fool;  
still less is false speech to a ruler.  
A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of those who give it;  
wherever they turn they prosper.  
One who forgives an affront fosters friendship,  
but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend.  
A rebuke strikes deeper into a discerning person  
than a hundred blows into a fool.  
Evil people seek only rebellion,  
but a cruel messenger will be sent against them.  
Better to meet a she-bear robbed of its cubs  
than to confront a fool immersed in folly.  
Evil will not depart from the house  
of one who returns evil for good.  
The beginning of strife is like letting out water;  
so stop before the quarrel breaks out.  
One who justifies the wicked and one who condemns the righteous  
are both alike an abomination to the LORD.  
Why should fools have a price in hand  
to buy wisdom, when they have no mind to learn?  
A friend loves at all times,  
and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.  
It is senseless to give a pledge,  
to become surety for a neighbour.  
One who loves transgression loves strife;  
one who builds a high threshold invites broken bones.  
The crooked of mind do not prosper,  
and the perverse of tongue fall into calamity.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **11. The Third Song of Isaiah** *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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. 12:43-50**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but it finds none. Then it says, I will return to my house from which I came.’ When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.”

While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” And pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **16. The Song of Zechariah**

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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**

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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 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 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

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### I. For those to be ordained

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are [now] called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity;

and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through 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**                      **BCP p. 101**

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*