

## Morning Prayer

### Friday 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

***Psalm 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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### Psalm 31

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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.  
I hate those who cling to worthless idols, \*  
and I put my trust in the LORD.  
I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; \*  
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.  
You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; \*  
you have set my feet in an open place.  
Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.  
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.  
I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my  
acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.  
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.  
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.  
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.  
My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.  
Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."  
LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; \*  
rather, let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.  
Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, \*  
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.  
How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those who fear you; \*  
which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.  
You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them; \*  
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.  
Blessed be the LORD! \*  
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.  
Yet I said in my alarm, "I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." \*  
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty when I cried out to you.  
Love the LORD, all you who worship him; \*  
the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.  
Be strong and let your heart take courage, \*  
all you who wait for the LORD.  
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. 23:19-21,29-24:2**

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Hear, my child, and be wise,  
and direct your mind in the way.  
Do not be among winebibbers,  
or among gluttonous eaters of meat;  
for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,  
and drowsiness will clothe them with rags.

Who has woe? Who has sorrow?  
Who has strife? Who has complaining?  
Who has wounds without cause?  
Who has redness of eyes?  
Those who linger late over wine,  
those who keep trying mixed wines.  
Do not look at wine when it is red,  
when it sparkles in the cup  
and goes down smoothly.  
At the last it bites like a serpent,  
and stings like an adder.  
Your eyes will see strange things,  
and your mind utter perverse things.  
You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea,  
like one who lies on the top of a mast.  
They struck me', you will say, but I was not hurt;  
they beat me, but I did not feel it.  
When shall I awake?  
I will seek another drink.  
Do not envy the wicked,  
nor desire to be with them;  
for their minds devise violence,  
and their lips talk of mischief.

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. 13:31-35**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

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 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.**

### **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**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*