

## Morning Prayer

### Tuesday after the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

*Isaiah 57:15*

### Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

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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.

### Jubilate

*Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### Psalm 61

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Hear my cry, O God, \*  
and listen to my prayer.

I call upon you from the ends of the earth  
with heaviness in my heart; \*  
set me upon the rock that is higher than I.  
For you have been my refuge, \*  
a strong tower against the enemy.  
I will dwell in your house for ever; \*  
I will take refuge under the cover of your wings.  
For you, O God, have heard my vows; \*  
you have granted me the heritage of those who fear your Name.  
Add length of days to the king's life; \*  
let his years extend over many generations.  
Let him sit enthroned before God for ever; \*  
bid love and faithfulness watch over him.  
So will I always sing the praise of your Name, \*  
and day by day I will fulfill my vows.

## Psalm 62

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For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
from him comes my salvation.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.  
How long will you assail me to crush me,  
all of you together, \*  
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?  
They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; \*  
lies are their chief delight.  
They bless with their lips, \*  
but in their hearts they curse.  
For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.  
In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.  
Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.  
Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.  
God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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. 43:1-22

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky,  
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.  
The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises  
what a marvellous instrument it is, the work of the Most High.  
At noon it parches the land,  
and who can withstand its burning heat?  
A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,  
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;  
it breathes out fiery vapours,  
and its bright rays blind the eyes.  
Great is the Lord who made it;  
at his orders it hurries on its course.

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,  
governing the times, their everlasting sign.  
From the moon comes the sign for festal days,  
a light that wanes when it completes its course.  
The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;  
how marvellous it is in this change,  
a beacon to the hosts on high,  
shining in the vault of the heavens!

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,  
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.  
On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;  
they never relax in their watches.  
Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;  
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.  
It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;  
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

By his command he sends the driving snow  
and speeds the lightnings of his judgement.  
Therefore the storehouses are opened,  
and the clouds fly out like birds.  
In his majesty he gives the clouds their strength,  
and the hailstones are broken in pieces.  
The voice of his thunder rebukes the earth;

when he appears, the mountains shake.  
At his will the south wind blows;  
so do the storm from the north and the whirlwind.  
He scatters the snow like birds flying down,  
and its descent is like locusts alighting.  
The eye is dazzled by the beauty of its whiteness,  
and the mind is amazed as it falls.  
He pours frost over the earth like salt,  
and icicles form like pointed thorns.  
The cold north wind blows,  
and ice freezes on the water;  
it settles on every pool of water,  
and the water puts it on like a breastplate.  
He consumes the mountains and burns up the wilderness,  
and withers the tender grass like fire.  
A mist quickly heals all things;  
the falling dew gives refreshment from the heat.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### 13. A Song of Praise

### *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### The Second Lesson

### Luke 13:1-9

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have

come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 B

*V.* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*R.* Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*V.* Day by day we bless you;

*R.* We praise your name for ever.

*V.* Lord, keep us from all sin today;

*R.* Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

*V.* Lord, show us your love and mercy;

*R.* For we put our trust in you.

*V.* In you, Lord, is our hope;

*R.* And we shall never hope in vain.

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **A Collect for Peace**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of 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 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.

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*