Morning Prayer

Saturday after the Twenty-Third 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 **BCP p. 80**

*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!
The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 75 **BCP p. 691**

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, *
  calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.
"I will appoint a time," says God; *
  "I will judge with equity.
Though the earth and all its inhabitants are quaking, *
  I will make its pillars fast.
I will say to the boasters, 'Boast no more,' *
  and to the wicked, 'Do not toss your horns;

Do not toss your horns so high, *
   nor speak with a proud neck.'"
For judgment is neither from the east nor from the west, *
   nor yet from the wilderness or the mountains.
It is God who judges; *
   he puts down one and lifts up another.
For in the LORD's hand there is a cup, full of spiced and foaming wine, which he pours out, *
   and all the wicked of the earth shall drink and drain the dregs.
But I will rejoice for ever; *
   I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
He shall break off all the horns of the wicked; *
   but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76 **BCP p. 692**

In Judah is God known; *
   his Name is great in Israel.
At Salem is his tabernacle, *
   and his dwelling is in Zion.
There he broke the flashing arrows, *
   the shield, the sword, and the weapons of battle.
How glorious you are! *
   more splendid than the everlasting mountains!
The strong of heart have been despoiled; they sink into sleep; *
   none of the warriors can lift a hand.
At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, *
   both horse and rider lie stunned.
What terror you inspire! *
   who can stand before you when you are angry?
From heaven you pronounced judgment; *
   the earth was afraid and was still;
When God rose up to judgment *
   and to save all the oppressed of the earth.
Truly, wrathful Edom will give you thanks, *
   and the remnant of Hamath will keep your feasts.
Make a vow to the LORD your God and keep it; *
   let all around him bring gifts to him who is worthy to be feared.
He breaks the spirit of princes, *
   and strikes terror in the kings of the earth.
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. 51:1-12

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

I give you thanks, O Lord and King,
   and praise you, O God my Saviour.

I give thanks to your name,
for you have been my protector and helper
and have delivered me from destruction
and from the trap laid by a slanderous tongue,
from lips that fabricate lies.
In the face of my adversaries
you have been my helper and delivered me,
in the greatness of your mercy and of your name,
from grinding teeth about to devour me,
from the hand of those seeking my life,
from the many troubles I endured,
from choking fire on every side,
and from the midst of fire that I had not kindled,
from the deep belly of Hades,
from an unclean tongue and lying words—
the slander of an unrighteous tongue to the king.
My soul drew near to death,
and my life was on the brink of Hades below.
They surrounded me on every side,
and there was no one to help me;
I looked for human assistance,
and there was none.
Then I remembered your mercy, O Lord,
and your kindness from of old,
for you rescue those who wait for you
and save them from the hand of their enemies.
And I sent up my prayer from the earth,
and begged for rescue from death.
I cried out, Lord, you are my Father;
do not forsake me in the days of trouble,
when there is no help against the proud.
I will praise your name continually,
and will sing hymns of thanksgiving.'
My prayer was heard,
for you saved me from destruction
and rescued me in time of trouble.
For this reason I thank you and praise you,
and I bless the name of the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the God of praises,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the guardian of Israel,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who formed all things,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the redeemer of Israel,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who gathers the dispersed of Israel,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who rebuilt his city and his sanctuary,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who makes a horn to sprout for the house of David,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who has chosen the sons of Zadok to be priests,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the shield of Abraham,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the rock of Isaac,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the mighty one of Jacob,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to him who has chosen Zion,
for his mercy endures for ever;

Give thanks to the King of the kings of kings,
for his mercy endures for ever;

He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his loyal ones.

For the children of Israel, the people close to him.
Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

12. A Song of Creation ***Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65***

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
   O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
   and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
   praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

The Second Lesson Luke 14:1-11

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

19. The Song of the Redeemed ***Revelation 15:3-4***

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.
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 **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.

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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.**

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Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon your church in every land, that like your servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel to all nations, that your kingdom might be enlarged and that your holy Name might be glorified in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; 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 **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.

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