Welcome to Morning Prayer with the people of the Green Mountain Online Abbey.

A few notes about today's service. Please leave your microphone on mute during the responsory portions of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers, then remember to mute it again when you have completed your prayer.

We will always read the Gospel appointed for the day so that we can read and meditate on Jesus' words and teaching.

MORNING PRAYER

September 26, 2020
Saturday of Ordinary Time, Proper 20
Wilson Carlile Priest, 1942
Opening Sentence

The Officiant says the following

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve. James 5:16

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant  O God, open our lips.
People    And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All       Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be

Officiant  God is the Source to whom all things return:
People    Come let us worship.

read in unison Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
    let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving, *
    and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God; *
    you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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Psalms Appointed

read in unison Psalms 87 and 90
Psalm 87 Fundamenta ejus
1 On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded; *
God loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.

4 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born there, *
and the Most High God shall sustain it.”
5 God will record in the roll of the peoples, *
   “These also were born there.”

6 The singers and the dancers will say, *
   “All my fresh springs are in you.”

Psalm 90 Domine, refugium
1 O God, you have been our refuge *
   from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
   or the land and the earth were born, *
   from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
   “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when
   it is past *
   and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
   we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
   in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you * and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; * we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; * yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath; * who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O God; how long will you tarry? * Be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Reader: A reading from Acts 20:1-16

20 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples;
and after encouraging them and saying farewell, he left for
Macedonia. 2 When he had gone through those regions and
had given the believers much encouragement, he came to
Greece, 3 where he stayed for three months. He was about to
set sail for Syria when a plot was made against him by the
Jews, and so he decided to return through Macedonia. 4 He
was accompanied by Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Beroea, by
Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, by Gaius from
Derbe, and by Timothy, as well as by Tychicus and
Trophimus from Asia. 5 They went ahead and were waiting
for us in Troas; 6 but we sailed from Philippi after the days
of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we joined them in
Troas, where we stayed for seven days.
7 On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread,
Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended
to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. 8 There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. 9 A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. 10 But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” 11 Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. 12 Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted. 13 We went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul on board there; for he had made this arrangement, intending to go by land himself. 14 When he met us in Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. 15 We sailed from there, and on the following day we arrived opposite Chios. The next day we touched at Samos, and the day after that we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* Canticle N A Song of God’s Love 1 John 4:7-11
Beloved, let us love one another, * for love is of God. 
Whoever does not love does not know God, * for God is Love. 
In this the love of God was revealed among us, * that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ. 
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us * and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven. 
Beloved, since God loved us so much, * we ought also to love one another. 
For if we love one another, God abides in us, * and God’s love will be perfected in us.

The Gospel

Reader: A reading from the **Gospel of Luke 4:38-44**
38 After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon’s house. 
Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. 39 Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. 
40 As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. 41 Demons also came out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. 
42 At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they
reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. 43 But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” 44 So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

Here ends the reading.

The Apostles' Creed

All say together

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

Officiant  God be with you.
People      And also with you.
Officiant  Let us pray.

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
V. Save your people, O God, and bless your inheritance;
R. govern and uphold us now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you
R. we praise your name forever.
V. O God, keep us without sin today;
R. have mercy on us, O God, have mercy.
V. Show us your love and mercy;
R. for we put our trust in you.
V. In you, O God, is our hope;
R. and we shall never hope in vain.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

*Proper 20*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God of boundless energy and light: We thank you for the courage and passion of Wilson Carlile who, after the example of your Son, sought new ways to open your Church to diverse leaders as beacons of the Gospel of Christ. Quicken our hearts to give bold witness to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Together*

A Collect for Guidance

O God, our Creator and Sustainer, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever
walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

For People Facing Uncertainty
God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen.

The Officiant says
I invite your prayers of thanksgiving and intercession at this time.

(During the silence people may add their own prayers. Please unmute yourself to share your prayer aloud. When you have completed your prayer, return the microphone to mute.)

The Officiant
O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts and our nation; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

The Officiant concludes with the Collect for Mission
A Collect 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.

The General Thanksgiving

The Officiant and People say together

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.
Together A Collect of Dedication
Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon or Officiant Let us bless God.
People To God be thanks forever.

Concluding Sentences
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Commemoration
Born in 1847 in Brixton, England, Wilson Carlile was, from an early age, afflicted with spinal disease, which made his education difficult. He entered his grandfather’s business at the age of thirteen and soon became fluent in French, which he used in his own silk trading endeavors in Paris. His
business was eventually ruined in the economic depression of the 1870’s. The collapse of his business resulted in physical and emotional distress, and it was during this time that Carlile turned to religion for comfort and a new sense of direction. After serving as an organist in Dwight L. Moody’s evangelistic missions, Carlile was ordained a priest in 1881, serving his curacy at St. Mary Abbots, the parish church in Kensington. He had long been concerned with the Church’s lack of presence among the poor and working classes, and as a curate, he encouraged soldiers, grooms, coachmen, and other working laymen to preach the gospel among the residents of some of the worst slums of London. Many among the Church establishment accused Carlile of “dragging the Church into the gutter.” In 1882, he resigned his curacy and devoted himself to the formal establishment of the Church Army, an organization dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel among the least of society. Despite great resistance, he sought official approval for his organization and its work from the Church of England Congress in 1883. In 1885, the Upper Convocation of Canterbury passed a resolution officially approving and recognizing the Church Army. Carlile served as rector of St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, London, from 1892-1926, where he continued his administration of the Army’s ministry. In 1905, he was honored as a Prebendary of St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, England. Today, the Church Army has eight independent geographically based societies across the Anglican Communion and is active in fifteen countries, continuing Carlile’s work.
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