



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT

*Together in Christ...growing locally, serving globally*

Welcome to Morning Prayer with the people of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont.

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

NOVENA FOR AN ELECTION

*November 2, 2020*

*Monday of Ordinary Time, Proper 26*

*Commemoration of All Faithful Departed*

## Opening Sentence

*The Officiant says the following*

Keep on praying and guard your prayers with thanksgiving.  
*Colossians 4:2*

## 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  
for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Our God orders all things well:

*People* O come, let us worship.

*Said in unison* **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, \*  
serve with gladness  
and come before your presence with a song.

For we know that you are God; \*  
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.  
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,

go into your courts with praise, \*  
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.

For you are good; your mercy is everlasting; \*  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant* Our God orders all things well:

*People* O come, let us adore him.

## **Psalm Appointed**

*read in unison **Psalm 130** De profundis*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you;  
O God, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O God, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you, \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; \*  
in your word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for you,  
more than sentries for the morning, \*  
more than sentries for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait upon God, \*  
for with God there is mercy.

7 With God there is plenteous redemption; \*  
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from **Wisdom 3:1-9**

3 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

3 and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great  
good,

because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,

and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus*  
*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely God is my salvation; \*

I will trust and will not be afraid,  
For God is my strength and my might \*  
and will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation, \*

and on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks and call upon God's name;  
Make known God's deeds among the peoples; \*  
proclaim that God's name is exalted;

Sing praises to the Most High who has done great things; \*  
let this be known in all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, \*

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. Amen.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader:* A reading from the **Gospel of John 5:24-27**

24Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

25 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; 27and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

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. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## **The Collects**

## **The Collect of the Day**

### *Commemoration of All Faithful Departed*

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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.*

## **NOV 2 Pray for discernment**

O God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what

things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **For the Nation**

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.

They restore us, though we often destroy them.

*Heal us.*

We thank you for the great resources of this nation.

They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

*Forgive us.*

We thank you for our siblings who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

*Inspire us.*

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

*Enlighten us.*

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

*Renew us.*

Help us, O God, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and injustice. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. *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 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 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.

**The Supplication**

*For use especially in times of war, or of national anxiety, or of  
disaster.*

*Officiant* O God, arise, help us;  
*People* And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebearers have declared to us, the noble works that you performed in their days, and in the time before them.

*O God, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

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

*O God, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
R. Graciously behold our afflictions.  
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.  
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;  
R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.  
V. Both now and forever promise to hear us, O Christ;  
R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Christ.

*The Officiant concludes*

Let us pray.

We humbly implore you, O God, to look mercifully upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn all that is evil

from us that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and always serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, 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**

In the New Testament, the word “saints” is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, and in the Collect for All Saints’ Day the word “elect” is used in a similar sense. From very early times, however, the word “saint” came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic

sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations. Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day on which the church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends. Though the observance of the day was abolished at the Reformation because of abuses connected with masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.  
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*Liturgy created with the following resources  
Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, Saint Helena Breviary and A New Zealand Prayer Book*