



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT

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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 1, 2020***

***The Feast of All Saints***  
***&***  
***A Time of Remembrance***

## Opening Sentence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## 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* The Holy One is in our midst:

*People* O come, let us worship.

*Said in unison* **Jubilate** *Psalms 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* The Holy One is in our midst:  
*People* O come, let us worship.

### **Psalm Appointed**

*Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless God at all times, \*  
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Most High; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; \*  
let us exalt God's Name together.

4 I sought, and God answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction, and God heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angels encompass those who fear God, \*  
and God will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that God is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

9 Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, \*  
for those who fear God lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

22 O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in you.

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 **Revelation 7:9-17***

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle D** *A Song of the Wilderness* *Isaiah 35:1-7,10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, \*

the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

It shall blossom abundantly, \*

and rejoice with joy and singing.

They shall see the glory of the Lord, \*

the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, \*

and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! \*  
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."  
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, \*  
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.  
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, \*  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness \*  
and streams in the desert;  
The burning sand shall become a pool \*  
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.  
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, \*  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, \*  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Second Reading:**

*Reader:* A reading from **1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle R** *A Song of True Motherhood*  
*Julian of Norwich*

God chose to be our mother in all things \*  
and so made the foundation of his work,  
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.  
God, the perfect wisdom of all, \*  
arrayed himself in this humble place.  
Christ came in our poor flesh \*  
to share a mother's care.  
Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; \*  
our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.  
Christ carried us within him in love and travail, \*  
until the full time of his passion.  
And when all was completed  
and he had carried us so for joy, \*  
still all this could not satisfy  
the power of his wonderful love.  
All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, \*  
for the love of Christ works in us;  
Christ is the one whom we love.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Here ends the reading.

## **A Reflection**

### **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 For Use in Morning Prayer**

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**

#### *All Saints*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **NOV 1 Pray for direction from God**

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy

Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)*

*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.*

### **Prayers For The Dead**

We pray for the founders and first benefactors of our Church and Diocese, and for all those who, in every generation, have supported and sustained our common life in word, deed, and gift.

We pray for all those who have died by human violence, police brutality, and human neglect.

We pray for all those who have died by their own hand.

We pray for all those who have died alone, or without faith, or in fear, or in great pain, or suddenly and unprepared, or without prayer.

We pray for all those who have died from diseases at present incurable.

We pray for all those who have died from the corona virus in this present pandemic.

We pray for all those who have died from gun violence.

We pray for all who have died in war or conflict.

We pray for all those who have died through natural disaster or force of nature.

We pray for all those whom we love, but see no longer, and for whom we pray now either out loud or in the silence of our hearts.

*In the silence that follows, the People may pray aloud the names of the departed.*

We pray for the bereaved, for those whose grief is old and heavy, for those whose grief is fresh and devastating. We pray for all those here today who mourn the death of one they love.

We pray for ourselves, and for the grace to face each new day in faith. And we pray that we may be prepared for our own deaths in confidence and without fear, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

### **The Concluding Prayer**

*Officiant*

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening, into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Rest eternal grant to all the departed, O Lord;

*People: And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

*Officiant* May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People: 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 Sentence**

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.*

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