



*A ministry and community of prayer of
The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont*

Welcome to Morning Prayer

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
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Easter Season

Jackson Kemper, Bishop and Missionary, 1870

Opening Sentence

The Officiant says the following

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being.

1 Corinthians 15.20,21

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 Alleluia, Christ is shown forth in glory:

People O come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Said in unison **Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed:
People O come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Psalm Appointed

read in unison **Psalm 78:1-39** Part I *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.

5 You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *

which you commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments;

8 And not be like their forebears,
a stubborn and rebellious generation, *
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
and whose spirit was not faithful to you.

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, *
turned back in the day of battle;

10 They did not keep your covenant *
and refused to walk in your law;

11 They forgot what you had done, *
and the wonders you had shown them.

12 You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 You split open the sea and let them pass through; *
you made the waters stand up like walls.

14 You led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 You brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

17 But they went on sinning against you, *
rebellling in the desert against the Most High.

18 They tested you in their hearts, *
demanding food for their craving.

19 They railed against you and said, *
“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”

20 True, God struck the rock,
the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; *
but is God able to give bread
or to provide meat for the people?”

21 When you heard this, you were full of wrath; *
a fire was kindled against Jacob,
and your anger mounted against Israel;

22 For they had no faith in you, *
nor did they put their trust in your saving power.

23 So you commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

24 You rained down manna upon them to eat *

and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
you provided for them food enough.

26 You caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by your might.

27 You rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 You let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for you gave them what they craved.

30 But they did not stop their craving, *
though the food was still in their mouths.

31 So your anger mounted against them; *
you slew the strongest among them
and laid low the youth of Israel.

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning *
and had no faith in your wonderful works.

33 So you brought their days to an end like a breath *
and their years in sudden terror.

34 Whenever you slew them, they would seek you, *
and repent, and diligently search for you.

35 They would remember that you were their rock, *
that you, the Most High, were their redeemer.

36 But they flattered you with their mouths *
and lied to you with their tongues.

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward you, *
and they were not faithful to your covenant.

38 But you were so merciful that you forgave their sins
and did not destroy them; *
many times you held back your anger
and did not permit your wrath to be roused.

39 For you remembered that they were but flesh, *
a breath that goes forth and does not return.

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 **The First Letter to Timothy 2:1-6**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.

Here ends the reading.

read in unison **A Song of Christ's Humility** *Philippians 2:6-11*

Though in the form of God, *
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew 13:18-23**

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares

of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Here ends the reading.

A moment of silence is observed so that we may reflect on the teachings and ministry of Jesus.

The Apostle's Creed

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 and People **An alternative Lord's Prayer**

Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign 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 all creation, 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

Officiant

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such

love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, who send your son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near, Grant that we, like your servant Jackson Kemper, may proclaim the Gospel in our own day, with courage, vision, and perseverance; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, world without end. *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.*

Together

For discernment for the future of the Diocese of Vermont

Gracious and loving God, of transformation and discovery, we give thanks that you call us to be your people in this time, and in this place.

As you call us into deeper and uncertain waters,

“to step out of the boat and go closer to Jesus,”

we give thanks for the experience,

gifts and skills of our diocesan household,

represented by THRIVE

(the Task Force for Hope, Revitalization, Innovation, Vision, and Efficiency).

Bless their efforts as they rally
and shepherd us in our common work.
We pray for open hearts and minds and for clear vision,
and never-ending reliance on your abundant
and creative goodness.
We pray for inspiration and guidance from your Holy Spirit,
knowing that your power working in us
can accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine.
All this, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Together

For Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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, of boundless mercy,
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 Savior 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 best vision ,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People To God be thanks forever. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Officiant ends with a Concluding Sentence

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

When the General Convention of 1835 made all the members of the Episcopal Church members also of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, it provided at the same time for missionary bishops to serve in the wilderness and in foreign countries. Jackson Kemper was the first such bishop. Although he was assigned

to Missouri and Indiana, he laid foundations also in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas, and made extensive missionary tours in the South and Southwest. Kemper was born in Pleasant Valley, New York, on December 24, 1789. He graduated from Columbia College in 1809 and was ordained as a deacon in 1811 and as a priest in 1814. He served Bishop White as his assistant at Christ Church, Philadelphia. At his urging, Bishop White made his first and only visitation in western Pennsylvania. In 1835, Kemper was ordained bishop, and immediately set out on his travels. Because Episcopal clergymen, mostly from well-to-do Eastern homes, found it hard to adjust to the harsh life of the frontier—scorching heat, drenching rains, and winter blizzards—Kemper established Kemper College in St. Louis, Missouri, the first of many similar attempts to train clergymen, and in more recent times lay people as well, for specialized tasks in the church. The College failed in 1845 from the usual malady of such projects in the church— inadequate funding. Nashotah House, in Wisconsin, which he founded in 1842, with the help of James Lloyd Breck and his companions, was more successful. So was Racine College, founded in 1852. Both these institutions reflected Kemper’s devotion to beauty in ritual and worship. Kemper pleaded for more attention to the Native Americans and encouraged the translation of services into native languages. He described a service among the Oneida which was marked by “courtesy, reverence, worship—and obedience to that Great Spirit in whose hands are the issues of life.” From 1859 until his death, Kemper was diocesan Bishop of Wisconsin. He is more justly honored by his unofficial title, “The Bishop of the Whole Northwest.”

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