



*A ministry and community of prayer 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

*August 17, 2022*  
*Wednesday of Ordinary Time, Proper 15*

## Opening Sentence

*The Officiant says the following*

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

*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* God is praised by all creation:

*People* 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* God is praised by all creation:

*People* Come, let us worship.

## **Psalm Appointed**

*In Unison or responsively by whole or half verse*

**Psalm 119:145-176** *Qoph Clamavi in toto corde meo*

145 I call with my whole heart; \*  
answer me, O God, that I may keep your statutes.

146 I call to you;  
oh, that you would save me! \*  
I will keep your decrees.

147 Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  
for in your word is my trust.

148 My eyes are open in the night watches, \*  
that I may meditate upon your promise.

149 Hear my voice, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
according to your judgments, give me life.

150 They draw near who in malice persecute me; \*  
they are very far from your law.

151 You, O God, are near at hand, \*  
and all your commandments are true.

152 Long have I known from your decrees \*  
that you have established them for ever.

Resh *Vide humilitatem*

153 Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  
for I do not forget your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  
according to your promise, give me life.

155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  
for they do not study your statutes.

156 Great is your compassion, O God; \*  
preserve my life, according to your judgments.

157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

158 I look with loathing at the faithless, \*  
for they have not kept your word.

159 See how I love your commandments! \*  
O God, in your mercy, preserve me.

160 The heart of your word is truth; \*  
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.

Shin *Principes persecuti sunt*

161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.

162 I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.

166 I have hoped for your salvation, O God, \*  
and I have fulfilled your commandments.

167 I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.

168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.

Taw *Appropinquet deprecatio*

169 Let my cry come before you, O God; \*  
give me understanding, according to your word.

170 Let my supplication come before you; \*  
deliver me, according to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  
when you teach me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  
for all your commandments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  
for I have chosen your commandments.

174 I long for your salvation, O God, \*  
and your law is my delight.

175 Let me live, and I will praise you, \*  
and let your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

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 Acts of the Apostles Acts 8:14-25**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given

through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, 'Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' But Peter said to him, 'May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness.' Simon answered, 'Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me.'

Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle C**

***The Song of Hannah*** 1 Samuel 2:1-8

My heart exults in you, O God; \*  
my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, \*  
for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, \*  
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; \*  
Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, \*  
but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread, \*  
    those who hungered now are well fed.  
The childless woman has borne sevenfold, \*  
    while the mother of many is forlorn.  
God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; \*  
    gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.  
God raises the poor from the dust; \*  
    and lifts the needy from the ash heap  
To make them sit with the rulers \*  
    and inherit a place of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are God's \*  
    on which the whole earth is founded.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of **John 6:1-15**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given

thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

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

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*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.

*Together*

### **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. 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**

*Officiant*

*Proper 15*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.

*Together*

Holy and enabling Spirit,  
give wings to our morning prayers.  
May those we support and cherish with our love  
receive your grace to help them in their need.  
Amen.

*Together*

## **A Collect for Dismantling Racism**

O God, you created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; 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**

*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.

*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.*

*Liturgy created with the following resources:*

*Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, Saint Helena Breviary, A New Zealand Prayer Book and The Inclusive Bible, [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayers\\_and\\_thanksgivings.php#T7](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayers_and_thanksgivings.php#T7)*