



*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

***Monday, May 29, 2023***

***The Week of Pentecost***

## 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* 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* Come, let us worship.

## **Psalm Appointed**

*Read in unison or responsively by whole or half verse*

**Psalm 25** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O God, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O God, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

7 Gracious and upright are you; \*  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

8 You guide the humble in doing right \*  
and teach your way to the lowly.

9 All your paths are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

10 For your Name's sake, O God, \*  
forgive my sin, for it is great.

11 Who are they who fear you? \*  
You will teach them the way that they should choose.

12 They shall dwell in prosperity, \*  
and their offspring shall inherit the land.

13 You are a friend to those who fear you \*  
and will show them your covenant.

14 My eyes are ever looking to you, \*  
for you shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn to me and have pity on me, \*  
for I am left alone and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; \*

bring me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon my adversity and misery \*  
and forgive me all my sin.

18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, \*  
and they bear a violent hatred against me.

19 Protect my life and deliver me; \*  
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.

20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, \*  
for my hope has been in you.

21 Deliver the people of Israel, O God, \*  
out of all their troubles.

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 **Paul's second letter to the Corinthians**

#### **1:1-11**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy  
our brother,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints  
throughout Achaia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

*Reader* 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 **Luke 14:25-35**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far

away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

‘Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

*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*

Grant, O God, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence; and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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*

God of work and rest and pleasure,  
grant that what we do this week may be for us an offering  
rather than a burden;  
and for those we serve, may it be the help they need.  
Amen.

*Together*

### **A Collect for Racial Healing**

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.*

## **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)*