



*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  
***Tuesday, May 30, 2023***  
***The Week of Pentecost***

## Opening Sentence

*The Officiant says the following*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

## 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's bounty fills the earth:

*People* Come let us worship.

*read in unison* **Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, \*

and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God; \*

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before God, our Maker,  
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and  
the sheep of your hand. \*  
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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## **Psalms Appointed**

*In unison or responsively by whole or half verse*

### **Psalms 26 and 28**

Psalm 26 *Judica me, Domine*<sup>1</sup>

1 Give judgment for me, O God,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in you and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O God, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O God, \*

that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 O God, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 Whose hands are full of evil plots \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O God, and have pity on me.

12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless you, O God.

Psalm 28 *Ad te, Domine*

1 O God, I call to you;  
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; \*  
lest, if you do not hear me,  
I become like those who go down to the Pit.

2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, \*  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.

3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, \*  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,

while strife is in their hearts.

4 Repay them according to their deeds, \*  
and according to the wickedness of their actions.

5 According to the work of their hands repay them, \*  
and give them their just deserts.

6 They have no understanding of your doings,  
nor of the works of your hands; \*  
therefore you will break them down and not build them up.

7 Blest are you, O God, \*  
for you have heard the voice of my prayer.

8 You are my strength and my shield; \*  
my heart trusts in you, and I have been helped;

9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, \*  
and in my song will I praise you.

10 You are the strength of your people, \*  
a safe refuge for your anointed.

11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; \*  
shepherd them and carry them for ever.

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**  
**1:12-22**

Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more towards you. For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end—as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast. Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favor; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say ‘Yes, yes’ and ‘No, no’ at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been ‘Yes and No.’ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not ‘Yes and No’; but in him it is always ‘Yes.’ For in him every one of God’s promises is a ‘Yes.’ For this reason it is through him that we say the ‘Amen’, to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

*read in unison* **Canticle B**

*A Song of Pilgrimage Priusquam errarem*

*Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22*

Before I ventured forth,  
even while I was very young, \*

I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.  
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, \*  
and I will seek her to the end.

From first blossom to early fruit, \*  
she has been the delight of my heart.

My foot has kept firmly to the true path, \*  
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.

I inclined my ear a little and received her; \*  
I found for myself much wisdom  
and became adept in her.

To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, \*  
for I have resolved to live according to her way.

From the beginning I gained courage from her, \*  
therefore I will not be forsaken.

In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, \*  
therefore have I gained a good possession.

As my reward  
the Almighty has given me the gift of language,\*  
and with it will I offer praise to God.

## **The Gospel**

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of **Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the

wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

*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.

*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*

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*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 our life,

be with us through this day,  
whether or not it brings us joy.

Help us when evening comes to recall one benefit,  
for which to give you thanks.

Amen.

*Together*

### **A Collect for Social Justice and Peace**

Almighty God, source of true justice and peace, in you there is no distinction of persons, for in you we are equally loved. Reconcile us that we may live and work with each other and with you to establish your reign on earth where there is no poverty, war, or any oppression, 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*                     Thanks be to God.

## **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.*

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