



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

A few notes about our service:

The Green Mountain Online Abbey is a community of liturgical prayer that uses a range of resources approved by the Anglican communion and our Bishop. Within the liturgy, we offer intercessions on behalf of the community, the church, and the world. At some services, the leader will invite personal intercession, at which time you are welcome to unmute and offer your own biddings. Otherwise, please keep your microphone muted as you pray with the responder.

If you would like to add to our prayer list, please email Vicar adwoa Wilson at awilson@diovermont.org.

As an Abbey, we also offer formation in Scripture, Anglican tradition, and the spiritual life. With some occasional or seasonal omissions, these offerings occur on Saturday mornings for 30-60 minutes, immediately following 8:00 am prayer.

Welcome!

Evening Prayer

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

The Officiant begins

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. *Amos 5:8*

The Officiant then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People Come quickly to help us, O God.

All Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Light of the World *Phos hilaron*

Light of the world, in grace and beauty,

Mirror of God's eternal face,

Transparent flame of love's free duty,

You bring salvation to our race.

Now, as we see the lights of evening,

We raise our voice in hymns of praise;

Worthy are you of endless blessing,

Sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Then follows

Evening Psalm Antiphon

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm Appointed 118

Read responsively by whole verse

1 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God's mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim *

“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

4 Let those who fear God now proclaim, *
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”

5 I called out in my distress; *
God answered by setting me free.

6 The Mighty One is at my side, therefore I will not fear; *
what can anyone do to me?

7 God is at my side to help me; *
I will triumph over those who hate me.

8 It is better to rely on God *
than to put any trust in flesh.

9 It is better to rely on God *
than to put any trust in rulers.

10 All the ungodly encompass me; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

12 They swarm about me like bees;
they blaze like a fire of thorns; *
in the name of God I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, *
but God came to my help.

14 God is my strength and my song *
and has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 “The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

18 God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to God.

20 “This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Hosanna, O God, hosanna! *

O Holy One, send us now success.

26 Blest is the one who comes in the name of God; *
we bless you from the house of God.

27 God is the Holy One who has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to God who is good; *
God’s mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Lessons

First Reading

Reader: A reading from **Acts 4:18-21,23-33**

So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, ‘Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.’ After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.

After they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, ‘Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant:

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples imagine vain things?
The kings of the earth took their stand,
and the rulers have gathered together
against the Lord and against his Messiah.”

For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.’ When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

After the Readings, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Together

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the **Gospel of John 4:19-26**

The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

After the Readings, the Reader says

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

Together

We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see;
Who is Ruler of the universe:
Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true man.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us.
Who is one with Creator; one with Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation!

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.

A prayer for conciliation

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord,
have mercy.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all
in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a
home, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced,
and who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and
conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully
understanding the harm that was being done, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to
shine in its place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name
of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of
harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and
healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, and in hope that the love of God can heal all broken bonds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own ancestry and those who once walked this land, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of [] and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Collects

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Together

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered. Please unmute yourself if you wish to share your prayer aloud. Remember to return your microphone to mute when you have completed your prayer.

The Officiant offers the concluding collect

O God,
it is your will to hold both heaven and earth
in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. *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 Let us bless God.

People To God be thanks forever.

Concluding Sentences

Officiant says one of the following

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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