

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 16



### Opening Sentence

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

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

### Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

Come let us adore him.

### Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Antiphon**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
Come let us adore him.

### **Psalm 72** *Deus, iudicium*

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son;  
<sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice.  
<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.  
<sup>8</sup>He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust.  
<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.  
<sup>15</sup>Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.  
<sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.  
<sup>17</sup>May his Name remain forever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious Name forever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. *Amen.*

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Job 42:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Job answered the Lord:

<sup>2</sup> 'I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me."

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.'

<sup>7</sup>After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: 'My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.<sup>8</sup>Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.'<sup>9</sup>So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer.

<sup>10</sup>And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.<sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.<sup>12</sup>The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys.<sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters.<sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.<sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.<sup>16</sup>After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations.<sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

*Surge, illuminae*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Acts 16:16-24*

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.<sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation."<sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities.<sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews<sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe."<sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.<sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Canticle 16**

### **The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

## **The Gospel**

*John 12:20-26*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.<sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.<sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.<sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **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 Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom 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 the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
Day by day we bless you;  
We praise your Name forever.  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
For we put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
And we shall never hope in vain.

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Collect of Commemoration**

O God, who by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that, having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*MaryAnn Baxter*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

---

## **The Commemoration**

Ninian is also called Nynia, Ninias, Rigna, Trignan, Ninnidh, Ringan, Ninus, or Din an. He was a Celt, born in southern Scotland in about 360, and is regarded as the first major preacher of the Gospel to the people living in Britain north of the Wall--that is, living outside the territory that had been under Roman rule. He is said to have studied in Rome (note that he is contemporary with Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine), but was chiefly influenced by his friendship with Martin of Tours, with whom he spent some considerable time when he was returning from Italy to Britain. It is probable that he named his headquarters in Galloway after Martin's foundation in Gall. Martin had a monastery known as LOCO TEIAC, a Latinized form of the Celtic LEUG TIGIAC. LEUG means "white, shining," and TIG means "house" (a shanty, or SHAN-TIG, is an old house). The suffix -AC means "little." Thus, Martin's monastery had a name which in Celtic means "little white house." At about the time of Martin's death in 397, Ninian built a church at Galloway, in southwest Scotland. It was built of stone and plastered white, an unusual construction in a land where almost all buildings were wood. He called it Candida Casa (White House) or Whithorn, presumably after Martin's foundation at Tours. Archaeologists have excavated and partially restored his church in this century. From his base at Galloway, Ninian preached throughout southern Scotland, south of the Grampian Mountains, and conducted preaching missions among the Picts of Scotland, as far north as the Moray Firth, He also preached in the Solway Plains and the Lake District of England. Like Patrick (a generation later) and Columba (a century and a half later), he was a principal agent in preserving the tradition of the old Romano-British Church and forming the character of Celtic Christianity. Some historians think that the number and extent of his conversions has been exaggerated, but throughout southern Scotland there are many and widespread churches that bear his name and have traditionally been assumed to be congregation's originally founded by him.

Our information about him comes chiefly from Bede's [History \(Book 3, chapter 4\)](#), an anonymous eighth century account, and a 12th century account by Aelred. Aelred is writing 700 years after the event and is for that reason rejected as untrustworthy by many critics. However, he claims to rely on an earlier account, "written by a barbarian." This suggests that he may have had an authentic record by a member of Ninian's community in Galloway. See *The Christian Island*, by Beram Saklatvala (J M Dent, London, 1969), plus standard references.