

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, June 18



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

### Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

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.*

*Leader*

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.*

### The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

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

### Antiphon

O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.

### Venite *Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.

**Psalms 119:97-120**

**Mem** *Quomodo dilexi!*

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.  
<sup>98</sup> Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.  
<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.  
<sup>100</sup> I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.  
<sup>101</sup> I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.  
<sup>102</sup> I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.  
<sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.  
<sup>104</sup> Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Nun** *Lucerna pedibus meis*

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.  
<sup>106</sup> I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.  
<sup>107</sup> I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.  
<sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.  
<sup>109</sup> My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.  
<sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.  
<sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.  
<sup>112</sup> I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

**Samekh** *Iniquos odio habui*

<sup>113</sup> I hate those who have a divided heart, \*  
but your law do I love.

<sup>114</sup> You are my refuge and shield; \*  
my hope is in your word.

<sup>115</sup> Away from me, you wicked! \*

I will keep the commandments of my God.

<sup>116</sup> Sustain me according to your promise, that I may live, \*  
and let me not be disappointed in my hope.

<sup>117</sup> Hold me up, and I shall be safe, \*  
and my delight shall be ever in your statutes.

<sup>118</sup> You spurn all who stray from your statutes; \*  
their deceitfulness is in vain.

<sup>119</sup> In your sight all the wicked of the earth are but dross; \*  
therefore I love your decrees.

<sup>120</sup> My flesh trembles with dread of you; \*  
I am afraid of your judgments.

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. *Amen.*

**The Old Testament Lesson***Reader*

*A reading from the first book of the Prophet Samuel 2:12-26*

<sup>12</sup>Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord <sup>13</sup>or for the duties of the priests to the people. When anyone offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand,<sup>14</sup>and he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. <sup>15</sup>Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the one who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast; for he will not accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." <sup>16</sup>And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first, and then take whatever you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now; if not, I will take it by force." <sup>17</sup>Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord; for they treated the offerings of the Lord with contempt. <sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord took note of Hannah; she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord. <sup>22</sup>Now Eli was very old. He heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people."<sup>24</sup>No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear the people of the Lord spreading abroad. <sup>25</sup>If one person sins against another, someone can intercede for the sinner with the Lord; but if someone sins against the Lord, who can make intercession?" But they would not listen to the voice of their

father; for it was the will of the Lord to kill them. <sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

**Psalm 11** The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

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

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 for ever. *Amen.*

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **Canticle J** A Song of Judith

*Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Gospel**

*Reader*

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 20:27-40*

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

<sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

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**

*Leader*

God be with you.

*Response*

And also with you.

*Leader*

Let us pray.

*Everyone*

### **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 for ever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

*Leader*

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Response*

And grant us your salvation.

*Leader*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Response*

Let your people sing with joy.

*Leader*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Response*

For only in you can we live in safety.

*Leader*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Response*

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Leader*

Let your way be known upon Earth;

*Response*

Your saving health among all nations.

*Leader*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Response*

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Leader*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Response*

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Leader*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **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 Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the heart of your holy martyr Bernard Mizeki: Grant unto us your servants a like faith and power of love, that we, who rejoice in his triumph, may profit by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Annette Fox*

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**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

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### **The Commemoration**

Bernard Mizeki was born in Portuguese East Africa (Mozambique) in about 1861.

When he was twelve or a little older, he left his home and went to Capetown, South Africa, where for the next ten years he worked as a laborer, living in the slums of Capetown, but (perceiving the disastrous effects of drunkenness on many workers in the slums) firmly refusing to drink alcohol, and remaining largely uncorrupted by his surroundings.

After his day's work, he attended night classes at an Anglican school. Under the influence of his teachers, from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE, an Anglican religious order for men, popularly called the Cowley Fathers), he became a Christian and was baptized on 9 March 1886.

Besides the fundamentals of European schooling, he mastered English, French, high Dutch, and at least eight local African languages. In time he would be an invaluable assistant when the Anglican church began translating its sacred texts into African languages.

After graduating from the school, he accompanied Bishop Knight-Bruce to Mashonaland, a tribal area in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), to work there as a lay catechist. In 1891 the bishop assigned him to Nhowe, the village of paramount-chief Mangwende, and there he built a mission-complex.

He prayed the Anglican hours each day, tended his subsistence garden, studied the local language (which he mastered better than any other foreigner in his day), and cultivated friendships with the villagers. He eventually opened a school and won the hearts of many of the Mashona through his love for their children.



He moved his mission complex up onto a nearby plateau, next to a grove of trees sacred to the ancestral spirits of the Mashona. Although he had the chief's permission, he angered the local religious leaders when he cut some of the trees down and carved crosses into others.

Although he opposed some local traditional religious customs, Bernard was very attentive to the nuances of the Shona Spirit religion. He developed an approach that built on people's already monotheistic faith in one God, Mwari, and on their sensitivity to spirit life, while at the same time he forthrightly proclaimed the Christ. Over the next five years (1891-1896), the mission at Nhowe produced an abundance of converts.

Many black African nationalists regarded all missionaries as working for the European colonial governments. During an uprising in 1896, Bernard was warned to flee. He refused, since he did not regard himself as working for anyone but Christ, and he would not desert his converts or his post.

On 18 June 1896, he was fatally speared outside his hut. His wife and a helper went to get food and blankets for him. They later reported that, from a distance, they saw a blinding light on the hillside where he had been lying, and heard a rushing sound, as though of many wings. When they returned to the spot his body had disappeared.

The place of his death has become a focus of great devotion for Anglicans and other Christians, and one of the greatest of all Christian festivals in Africa takes place there every year around the feast day that marks the anniversary of his martyrdom, June 18.