

## Morning Prayer

Friday, July 25



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. *Psalm 19:4*

### 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.*

### 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### Antiphon

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
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.  
The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
Come let us adore him.

**Psalm 34** *Benedicam Dominum*

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.  
<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.  
<sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.  
<sup>5</sup>Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.  
<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.  
<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!  
<sup>9</sup>Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
<sup>10</sup>The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.  
<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
<sup>12</sup>Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.  
<sup>14</sup>Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
<sup>16</sup>The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.  
<sup>20</sup>He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
<sup>22</sup>The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

### **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 Prophet Jeremiah 16:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, "As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," <sup>15</sup>but "As the Lord lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their ancestors. <sup>16</sup>I am now sending for many fishermen, says the Lord, and they shall catch them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. <sup>17</sup>For my eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from my presence, nor is their iniquity concealed from my sight. <sup>18</sup>And I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations. <sup>19</sup>O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: Our ancestors have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit. <sup>20</sup>Can mortals make for themselves gods? Such are no gods! <sup>21</sup>"Therefore, I am surely going to teach them, this time I am going to teach them my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

### **Canticle 10** The Second Song of Isaiah *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-1*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
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 Mark 1:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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## **Canticle 18** A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

## **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**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

### **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.*

### **The 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 for ever.*

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.*

### **A Collect for Fridays**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Sherwin Klass & Chris Vecere*

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*

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## The Commemoration

James the son of Zebedee and his brother John were among the twelve disciples of Our Lord. They, together with Peter, were privileged to behold the Transfiguration (M 17:1 = P 9:2 = L 9:28), to witness the healing of Peter's mother-in-law (P 1:29) and the raising of the daughter of Jairus (P 5:37 = L 8:51), and to be called aside to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death (M 26:37 = P 14:33).

James and John were apparently from a higher social level than the average fisherman. Their father could afford hired servants (P 1:20), and John (assuming him to be identical with the "beloved disciple") had connections with the high priest (J 18:15).

Jesus nicknamed the two brothers "sons of thunder" (P 3:17), perhaps meaning that they were headstrong, hot-tempered, and impulsive; and so, they seem to be in two incidents reported in the Gospels. On one occasion (L 9:54ff), Jesus and the disciples were refused the hospitality of a Samaritan village, and James and John proposed to call down fire from heaven on the offenders. On another occasion (M 20:20-23 = P 10:35-41), they asked Jesus for a special place of honor in the Kingdom and were told that the place of honor is the place of suffering.

Finally, about AD 42, shortly before Passover (Acts 12), James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great (who tried to kill the infant Jesus--Matthew 2), nephew of Herod Antipas (who killed John the Baptist--Mark 6--and examined Jesus on Good Friday--Luke 23), and father of Herod Agrippa II (who heard the defense of Paul before Festus--Acts 25).

James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, and the only one of the Twelve whose death is recorded in the New Testament.

James is often called James Major (= greater or elder) to distinguish him from other New Testament persons called James.

Tradition has it that he made a missionary journey to Spain, and that after his death his body was taken to Spain and buried there. At Compostela (a town the name of which is commonly thought to be derived from the word "apostle", although a Spanish-speaking list member reports having heard it derived from "field of stars", which in Latin would be *campus stellarum*). His supposed burial place there was a major site of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages, and the Spaniards fighting to drive their Moorish conquerors out of Spain took "Santiago de Compostela!" as one of their chief war-cries. (The Spanish form of "James" is "Diego" or "Iago". In most languages, "James" and "Jacob" are identical. Where an English Bible has "James," a Greek Bible has IAKWBOS.)