

## Morning Prayer

Thursday, August 21



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the Earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

### 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.

### The Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:  
Come let us adore him.

### Venite

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!  
Glory be 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 Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:  
Come let us adore him.

**Psalm 105** Part I *Confitemini Domino*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.  
<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
<sup>4</sup> Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.  
<sup>5</sup> Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
<sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.  
<sup>8</sup> He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:  
<sup>9</sup> The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,  
<sup>10</sup> Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,  
<sup>11</sup> Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."  
<sup>12</sup> When they were few in number, \*  
of little account, and sojourners in the land,  
<sup>13</sup> Wandering from nation to nation \*  
and from one kingdom to another,  
<sup>14</sup> He let no one oppress them \*  
and rebuked kings for their sake,  
<sup>15</sup> Saying, "Do not touch my anointed \*"

and do my prophets no harm."

<sup>16</sup> Then he called for a famine in the land \*

and destroyed the supply of bread.

<sup>17</sup> He sent a man before them, \*

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

<sup>18</sup> They bruised his feet in fetters; \*

his neck they put in an iron collar.

<sup>19</sup> Until his prediction came to pass, \*

the word of the Lord tested him.

<sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him; \*

the ruler of the peoples set him free.

<sup>21</sup> He set him as a master over his household, \*

as a ruler over all his possessions,

<sup>22</sup> To instruct his princes according to his will \*

and to teach his elders wisdom.

### **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 second book of the Prophet Samuel 19:1-23*

<sup>1</sup>It was told Joab, "The king is weeping and mourning for Absalom." <sup>2</sup>So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the troops; for the troops heard that day, "The king is grieving for his son." <sup>3</sup>The troops stole into the city that day as soldiers steal in who are ashamed when they flee in battle. <sup>4</sup>The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!" <sup>5</sup>Then Joab came into the house to the king, and said, "Today you have covered with shame the faces of all your officers who have saved your life today, and the lives of your sons and your daughters, and the lives of your wives and your concubines, <sup>6</sup>for love of those who hate you and for hatred of those who love you. You have made it clear today that commanders and officers are nothing to you; for I perceive that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased. <sup>7</sup>So go out at once and speak kindly to your servants; for I swear by the Lord, if you do not go, not a man will stay with you this night; and this will be worse for you than any disaster that has come upon you from your youth until now." <sup>8</sup>Then the king got up and took his seat in the gate. The troops were all told, "See, the king is sitting in the gate"; and all the troops came before the king. Meanwhile, all the Israelites had fled to their homes.

<sup>9</sup>All the people were disputing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies, and saved us from the hand of the Philistines; and now he has fled out of the land because of Absalom. <sup>10</sup>But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?" <sup>11</sup>King David sent this message to the priests Zadok and Abiathar, "Say to the elders of Judah, 'Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house? The talk of all Israel has come to the king. <sup>12</sup>You are my kin, you are my bone and my flesh; why then should you be the last to bring back the king?' <sup>13</sup>And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? So may God do to me, and more, if you are not the commander of my army from now on, in place of Joab.'" <sup>14</sup>Amasa swayed the

hearts of all the people of Judah as one, and they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants." <sup>15</sup>So the king came back to the Jordan; and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring him over the Jordan.

<sup>16</sup>Shimei son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the people of Judah to meet King David; <sup>17</sup>with him were a thousand people from Benjamin. And Ziba, the servant of the house of Saul, with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, rushed down to the Jordan ahead of the king, <sup>18</sup>while the crossing was taking place, to bring over the king's household, and to do his pleasure. Shimei son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan, <sup>19</sup>and said to the king, "May my lord not hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem; may the king not bear it in mind. <sup>20</sup>For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore, see, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king." <sup>21</sup>Abishai son of Zeruiah answered, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed?" <sup>22</sup>But David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should today become an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?" <sup>23</sup>The king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king gave him his oath.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the reading.*

## **Canticle 8** The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and 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 New Testament Lesson**

### *Reader*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 24:1-23*

<sup>1</sup>Five days later the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and an attorney, a certain Tertullus, and they reported their case against Paul to the governor. <sup>2</sup>When Paul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying: "Your Excellency, because of you we have long enjoyed peace, and reforms have been made for this people because of your foresight. <sup>3</sup>We welcome this in every way and everywhere with utmost gratitude. <sup>4</sup>But, to detain you no further, I beg you to hear us briefly with your customary graciousness. <sup>5</sup>We have, in fact, found this man a pestilent fellow, an agitator among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. <sup>6</sup>He even tried to profane the temple, and so we seized him. <sup>8</sup>By examining him yourself you will be able to learn from him concerning everything of which we accuse him." <sup>9</sup>The Jews also joined in the charge by asserting that all this was true.

<sup>10</sup>When the governor motioned to him to speak, Paul replied: "I cheerfully make my defense, knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation. <sup>11</sup>As you can find out, it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>They did not find me disputing with anyone in the temple or stirring up a crowd either in the synagogues or throughout the city. <sup>13</sup>Neither can they prove to you the charge that they now bring against me. <sup>14</sup>But this I admit to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our ancestors, believing everything laid down according to the law or written in the prophets. <sup>15</sup>I have a hope in God a hope that they themselves also accept that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>16</sup>Therefore I do my best always to have a clear conscience toward God and all people. <sup>17</sup>Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation and to offer sacrifices. <sup>18</sup>While I was doing this, they found me in the temple, completing the rite of purification, without any crowd or disturbance. <sup>19</sup>But there were some Jews from Asia they ought to be here before you to make an accusation, if they have anything against me. <sup>20</sup>Or let these men here tell what crime they had found when I stood before the council, <sup>21</sup>unless it was this one sentence that I called out while standing before them, 'It is about the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

<sup>22</sup>But Felix, who was rather well informed about the Way, adjourned the hearing with the comment, "When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case." <sup>23</sup>Then he ordered the centurion to keep him in custody, but to let him have some liberty and not to prevent any of his friends from taking care of his needs.

The Word of the Lord.

### *Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the reading.*

## **Canticle 19** The Song of the Redeemed

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
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 12:28-34*

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any 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 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**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*Let your people sing with joy.*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in you can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*Your saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

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

*Leader*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow

daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **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.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Chris and Trish McLoughlin*

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.

*Everyone*

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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