

## Morning Prayer

Friday, October 10



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

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

## **Psalm 140** *Eripe me, Domine*

<sup>1</sup> Deliver me, O Lord, from evildoers; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
<sup>2</sup> Who devise evil in their hearts \*  
and stir up strife all day long.  
<sup>3</sup> They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; \*  
adder's poison is under their lips.  
<sup>4</sup> Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; \*  
protect me from the violent,  
who are determined to trip me up.  
<sup>5</sup> The proud have hidden a snare for me  
and stretched out a net of cords; \*  
they have set traps for me along the path.  
<sup>6</sup> I have said to the Lord, "You are my God; \*  
listen, O Lord, to my supplication.  
<sup>7</sup> O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, \*  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.  
<sup>8</sup> Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O Lord, \*  
nor let their evil plans prosper.  
<sup>9</sup> Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; \*  
let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.  
<sup>10</sup> Let hot burning coals fall upon them; \*  
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again."  
<sup>11</sup> A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, \*  
and evil shall hunt down the lawless.  
<sup>12</sup> I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor \*  
and render justice to the needy.  
<sup>13</sup> Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, \*  
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

## **Psalm 142** *Voce mea ad Dominum*

<sup>1</sup> I cry to the Lord with my voice; \*  
to the Lord I make loud supplication.  
<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him \*

and tell him all my trouble.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; \*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; \*  
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.

<sup>5</sup> I cry out to you, O Lord; \*

I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; \*  
save me from those who pursue me,  
for they are too strong for me.

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; \*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me,  
the righteous will gather around me.

### **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 book of 2 Kings 23:36-24:17*

<sup>36</sup>Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebadiah daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. <sup>37</sup>He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as all his ancestors had done.

<sup>1</sup>In his days King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came up; Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him. <sup>2</sup>The Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, bands of the Arameans, bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites; he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by his servants the prophets. <sup>3</sup>Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the Lord, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, for all that he had committed, <sup>4</sup>and also for the innocent blood that he had shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord was not willing to pardon. <sup>5</sup>Now the rest of the deeds of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? <sup>6</sup>So Jehoiakim slept with his ancestors; then his son Jehoiachin succeeded him. <sup>7</sup>The king of Egypt did not come again out of his land, for the king of Babylon had taken over all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the Wadi of Egypt to the River Euphrates.

<sup>8</sup>Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. <sup>9</sup>He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as his father had done. <sup>10</sup>At that time the servants of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. <sup>11</sup>King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it; <sup>12</sup>King Jehoiachin of Judah gave himself up to the king of Babylon, himself, his mother, his servants, his officers, and his palace officials. The king of Babylon took him prisoner in the eighth year of his reign. <sup>13</sup>He carried off all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he cut in pieces all the vessels of gold in the temple of the Lord, which King Solomon of Israel had made, all this as the Lord had foretold. <sup>14</sup>He carried away all Jerusalem,

all the officials, all the warriors, ten thousand captives, all the artisans and the smiths; no one remained, except the poorest people of the land. <sup>15</sup>He carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; the king's mother, the king's wives, his officials, and the elite of the land, he took into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>16</sup>The king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of valor, seven thousand, the artisans and the smiths, one thousand, all of them strong and fit for war. <sup>17</sup>The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

*Quaerite Dominum*

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 New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

*A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians 12:12-26*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no

need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

## **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 Gospel**

*Reader*

*A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 9:27-34*

<sup>27</sup>As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>28</sup>When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” <sup>29</sup>Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” <sup>30</sup>And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” <sup>31</sup>But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district. <sup>32</sup>After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to him. <sup>33</sup>And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” <sup>34</sup>But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.”

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**

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.*

### **For Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hardwood 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.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Most gracious God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in your church witnesses who, after the example of your servant Vida Dutton Scudder, stand firm in proclaiming the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*Lucille Raiola and Mary Murphy*

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.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
*Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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## **The Commemoration**

Vida Dutton Scudder (December 15, 1861-October 9, 1954), educator, activist and founder of the Episcopal Church Socialist League was born to Congregationalist missionaries in India. In the 1870s, Vida and her mother were confirmed as Episcopalians by [Phillips Brooks](#). After studying English literature at Smith College and Oxford University, Scudder began teaching at Wellesley College. Her love of scholarship was matched by her social conscience and deep spirituality.

As a young woman, Scudder began the College Settlements Association, joined the Society of Christian Socialists, and began her life-long association with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross in 1889.

In 1893, Scudder took a leave of absence from Wellesley to work with Helena Stuart Dudley to found Denison House in Boston.

Scudder experienced a breakdown in 1901 due to the stress of teaching and activism. After two years of recuperation in Italy, she returned renewed and became more active in church and socialist groups; she started a group for Italian immigrants at Denison House and took an active part in organizing the Women's Trade Union League.

In 1911, Scudder founded the Episcopal Church Socialist League, and formally joined the Socialist party. Her support of striking textile workers in the Lawrence, Massachusetts strike in 1912 drew a great deal of criticism and threatened her teaching position.

Though she initially supported World War I, she joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1923, and by the 1930s she was a pacifist.

Throughout her life Scudders primary relationships and support network were women; her closest companion was Florence Converse, who shared in her religious faith and political ideals.

After retirement, Scudder authored sixteen [books on religious and political subjects](#), combining her intense activism with and an equally vibrant spirituality. She was the first woman published in the Anglican Theological Review.

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