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St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ August 23, 2020 Morning Prayer

✕ *During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.*

✕ *In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.*

✕ *Before the service, the Officiant may make announcements. Then, a bell is rung and a brief musical prelude follows:*

The Officiant begins with an Opening Sentence:

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stillness is kept.

Then all say together,

**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.**

The Officiant says,

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant says,

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

We sing an invitatory psalm. Please sing boldly at home.

1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sav - ior bless;
2 God cra - dles in his hand, the heights and depths of earth;
3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly Son,

with - in the tem - ple bring your songs of thank - ful - ness!
God made the sea and land, and brought the world to birth!
your voice in hom - age raise to God who makes all one!

O God of might, to you we sing, en - throned as King on heav - en's height!
O God most high, we are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!
O Dove of peace, on us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

Words James Quinn (1919-2010), alt. paraphrase of Psalm 95, *Venite, exultemus Domino*;

Music DARWALL'S 148TH, melody and bass by John Darwall (1731-1789), har. W.H. Monk (1823-1889)

We chant Psalm 138:



I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole **heart**; *
before the gods I will sing your **praise**.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your **Name**, *
because of your love and **faithfulness**;

For you have glorified your **Name** *
and your word above all **things**.
When I called, you **answered me**; *
you increased my strength with **in me**.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O **Lord**, *
when they have heard the words of your **mouth**.
They will sing of the ways of the **Lord**, *
that great is the glory of the **Lord**.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the **lowly**; *
he perceives the haughty from **afar**.
Though I walk in the midst of **trouble**, *
you keep me **safe**; *

You stretch forth your hand against the fury of my **enemies**;
your right hand shall **save me**.
The Lord will make good his **purpose for me**; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your **hands**.

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**.

Chant Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

We hear a reading from the Hebrew Bible:

A reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended. *Isaiah 51:1-6*

Here ends the reading.

We sing Canticle 18, A Song to the Lamb. The Cantor sings the Antiphon once, then all repeat it. All sing the Antiphon at the end of the Canticle.

Antiphon

1. Splen - dor and hon-or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,
2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and
have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have re-deemed for God, 4. From every family,
language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,
6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er-more.[Ant.]

Setting Plainsong, tone 8

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

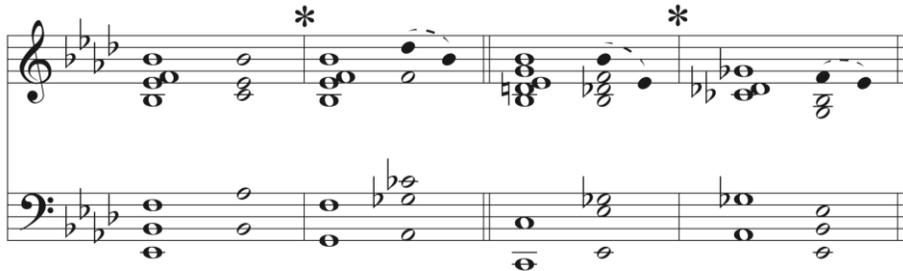
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

Here ends the reading.

We sing the canticle A Song of Our Adoption:



Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus **Christ, ***
for you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly **places.**
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in **Christ, ***
that we should be holy and blameless **before you.**

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus **Christ, ***
according to the good pleasure of your **will,**
To the praise of your glorious **grace, ***
that you have freely given us in the **Beloved.**

In you, we have redemption through the blood of **Christ, ***
the forgiveness of our **sins,**
According to the riches of your **grace ***
which you have lavished upon **us.**

You have made known to us, in all wisdom and **insight, ***
the mystery of your **will,**
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in **Christ, ***
as a plan for the fullness of **time,**

Repeat second half of chant

To gather together all things in **Christ, ***
things in heaven and things on **earth.**

Words Ephesians 1:3-10 • Chant Dorothy J. Papadakos (b. 1960)

After a brief time of stillness, we affirm our faith. Please join in at home.

**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 Officiant begins the prayers, saying,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sing hymn 591, set out on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.

1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry,
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
 3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall,

our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
 from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
 bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;

the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
 from sale and prof - an - a - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
 in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion a - flame with faith, and free,

take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
 from sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
 lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

Words Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936) • Music KING'S LYNN, English melody, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Homily *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

The Officiant invites the People into a time of stillness for free prayer. Prayers may be offered silently, aloud at home, or using Zoom's chat feature.

The prayers conclude with the General Thanksgiving. Please join in at home.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

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;
 and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
 remain with you always. **Amen.**

+ A brief closing voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.

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