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St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ September 6, 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:*

Prelude: *Recit de Cornet*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

The Officiant begins with an Opening Sentence:

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

Then all say together,

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant says,

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 and Psalter

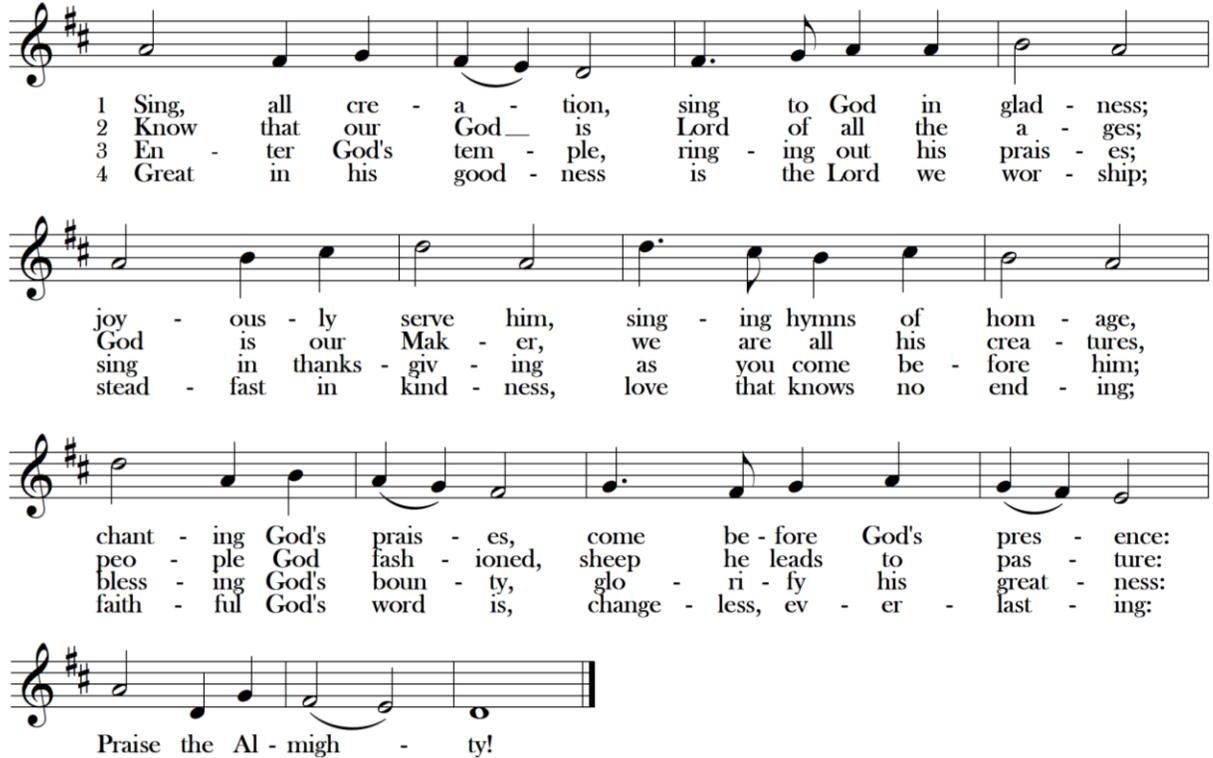
The Officiant says,

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 invitational psalm. Please sing boldly at home.



1 Sing, all cre - a - tion, sing Lord to God in glad - ness;
2 Know that our God is Lord of all the a - ges;
3 En - ter God's tem - ple, ring - ing out his prais - es;
4 Great in his good - ness is the Lord we wor - ship;
joy - ous - ly serve him, sing - ing hymns of hom - age,
God is our Mak - er, we are all his crea - tures,
sing in thanks - giv - ing as you come be - fore him;
stead - fast in kind - ness, love that knows no end - ing;
chant - ing God's prais - es, come be - fore God's pres - ence:
peo - ple God fash - ioned, sheep he leads to pas - ture:
bless - ing God's boun - ty, glo - ri - fy his great - ness:
faith - ful God's word is, change - less, ev - er - last - ing;
Praise the Al - migh - ty!

Words James Quinn (1919-2010), alt. paraphrase of Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo* • Music CHRISTE SANCTORUM, from *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681

We chant Psalm 119:33-40



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your **statutes**, *
and I shall keep it to the **end**.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your **law**; *
I shall keep it with all my **heart**.

Make me go in the path of your **commandments**, *
for that is my **desire**.
Incline my heart to your **decrees** *
and not to unjust **gain**.

Turn my eyes from watching what is **worthless**; *
give me life in your **ways**.
Fulfill your promise to your **servant**, *
which you make to those who **fear you**.

Turn away the reproach which I **dread**, *
because your judgments are **good**.
Behold, I long for your **commandments**; *
in your righteousness preserve my **life**.

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 MaultsBy (b. 1947)

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:8-14

Here ends the reading.

We sing a metrical setting of the canticle, The Third Song of Isaiah, Surge, illumine, set out on the next page.

1 A - rise, now, shine, your light has come,
 2 The Lord gates will rise be a - bove his own,
 3 Your vi - will o - lence un - barred al - way,
 4 Here will not need the sun by more,
 5 You will not need the sun by day,

1 God's glo - ry ris - es like the sun;
 2 his glo - ry rest on you a lone;
 3 your por - tals o - pen ders night and day;
 4 with - in your bor - ders peace is sure;
 5 nor yet by night the moon's bright ray;

1 though dark - ness still en - shrouds the land,
 2 the na - tions will stream to of your light,
 3 your name, the Ci - ty Sal - va - tion's name,
 4 your walls the will bear - ty va - tion's name,
 5 the Lord will be your shin - ing light,

1 deep gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
 2 and kings come to your dawn - ery bright.
 3 Zi - on on whom God's love is poured.
 4 your gates the name of Praise shall claim.
 5 and God your glo - ry day and night.

Words C. L. Webber (b. 1953), para. Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19 • Music ERHALT UNS, HERR, German, 1543, har. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

We hear a reading from the Gospels.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

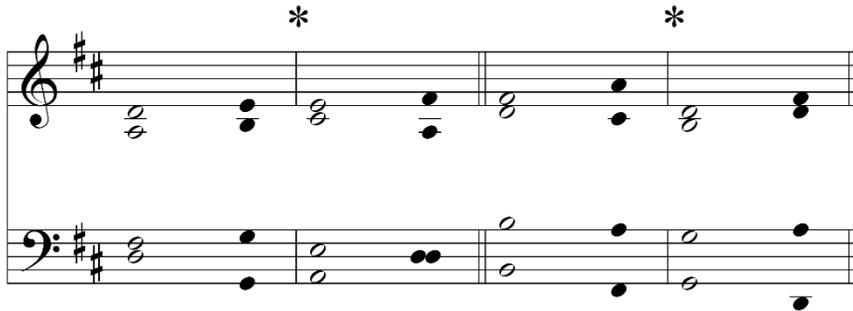
Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church;

and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:15-20

Here ends the reading.

We chant Canticle 19 *Magna et mirabilia:*



O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have **done**, *
surpassing human under**standing**.

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**.

Revelation 15:3-4

Chant Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

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.**

Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;
Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day:
Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

We sing the hymn on the next page. Please sing boldly at home.

1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -

earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Words American folk hymn; para. Philip Frazier (1892–1964), alt. • Music DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT [LACQUIPARLE], Native American

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 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.**

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.

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

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Readers Lisa Schnell, Chuck Bongiorno

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