



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah 57:15*

## Confession of Sin

*¶ The Officiant says*

**D**EARLY BELOVED, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

‡ *The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution † and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

‡ *People Amen.*

‡ *All stand*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* 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.

‡ *All say the Invitatory Canticle together, as follows*

**Invitatory Canticle**

*Venite, exultemus*

PSALM 95:1-7, 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

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.

‡ *All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day*

The Lord is gracious and merciful; \*  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The Lord is loving unto every man; \*  
and his mercy is over all his works.

The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, \*  
and lifeth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; \*  
and thou givest them their meat in due season

Thou openest thine hand, \*  
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, \*  
and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; \*  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; \*  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The Lord preserveth all them that love him; \*  
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

¶ *At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

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 Lessons

## The First Lesson

ISAIAH 55:1-5

**T**HUS SAITH THE LORD, “Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call nations that you know not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

## Canticle

*Ecce Deus*

ISAIAH 12:2-6

Behold, God is my salvation; \*  
I will trust, and not be afraid:  
For the Lord God is my strength and my song; \*  
he also is become my salvation  
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water \*  
out of the wells of salvation.  
And in that day shall ye say, \*  
Praise the Lord, call upon his Name,  
Declare his doings among the people, \*  
make mention that his name is exalted.  
Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: \*  
this is known in all the earth.  
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: \*  
for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

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.

¶ *All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

MATTHEW 14:13-21

**N**OW WHEN JESUS HEARD THIS, he withdrew from there in a boat to a lonely place apart. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “They need not

go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

**Canticle**

*Magna et mirabilia*

REVELATION 15:34

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that thou hast done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Thy ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do thee homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of thy Name? \*  
for thou only art the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before thee, \*  
because thy 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.

*¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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 and People say the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

¶ *Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let thy way be known upon earth;  
*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

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

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

## The Collects

**O** LORD, WE BESEECH THEE, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

**O** GOD, WHO ART THE AUTHOR OF PEACE and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

**A** LMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ¶ *People Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

¶ *Said by the Officiant and People together*

**A** LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants do give  
thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

### Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ¶ *People Amen.*

# Hymn

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
 \*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry William Baker (1821-1877) alt.

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Anthem

My Shepherd will supply my need,  
Jehovah is his Name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,  
thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may thy house be mine abode  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at home.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); para. of Psalm 23*  
*Music: American Folk melody; arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)*

Closing Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

‡ *All kneel*

‡ *Then Prayers and Intercessions are offered*

**A**LMIGHTY FATHER, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, even as thou and he are one: Grant that thy Church, being bound together in love and obedience to thee, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom thou didst send, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**H**EAVENLY FATHER, who in thy Word hast given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray thee, the cities of the earth. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that people from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**O** GRACIOUS FATHER, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that men and women everywhere may give thee thanks; through Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, let thy compassion be shown to all who suffer, and to all who are stricken with sorrow. Use us to comfort them as we are able, and what we cannot do for them, be pleased thyself to do; that in the mystery of thy love they may find peace and healing and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *☩ People Amen.*

## The Blessing

**G**O FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *☩ People Amen.*

## *Liturgical Music*

The music heard prior to this morning's liturgy of Morning Prayer is a prelude on a Western Pennsylvania folk tune titled *Fading Flowers*. It is an early American folk hymn associated with several texts. Its great beauty is found in its simplicity and modal character. This setting was composed by Robert Lehman and is played by the ARIA Chamber Orchestra.

This morning's hymn is a paraphrase of Psalms 148 and 150 – a metrical text that has long been popular in the Church of England and the Church of Canada. The tune is excerpted from C. Hubert H. Parry's extended choral anthem *Hear my words* (1894) where it was composed for these words and serves as the rousing conclusion to the work.

Virgil Thomson is best known for his career as the sharp-tongued senior music critic in New York. He also composed a fair number of works and his setting of the early American folk tune *Resignation*, so closely associated with this metrical setting of the 23rd Psalm, has become a staple of the sacred choral literature in the United States.

Robert Groves' rousing Fanfare on *Lasst uns erfreuen* closes this morning's liturgy of Morning Prayer. This popular hymn tune is sung to many texts and is used around the world in hymnals of every denomination. It is performed by Nicholas Bideler on the organ of the Church of St. Michael & St. George.





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