



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

*John 4:23*

## 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

*Jubilare Deo*

PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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*

### Psalm 119:129–136

*Mirabilia*

Thy testimonies are wonderful; \*  
therefore doth my soul keep them.

When thy word goeth forth, \*  
it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath; \*  
for my delight was in thy commandments.

O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, \*  
as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

Order my steps in thy word; \*  
and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men; \*  
and so shall I keep thy commandments.

Show the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, \*  
and teach me thy statutes.

Mine eyes gush out with water, \*  
because men keep not thy law.

*¶ 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

I KINGS 3:5-12

**A**T GIBEON THE LORD APPEARED to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” And Solomon said, “Thou hast shown great and steadfast love to thy servant David my father, because he walked before thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward thee; and thou hast kept for him this great and steadfast love, and hast given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people whom thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered or counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.”

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

**Canticle**      *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

**A**NOTHER PARABLE JESUS PUT BEFORE THEM, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant

in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net which was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; when it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Have you understood all this?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

**Canticle**      *Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God;  
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,  
in glory everlasting.

¶ *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** GOD, THE PROTECTOR OF ALL that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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, THE KING ETERNAL, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

**L**ORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. ¶ *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

¶ *The Hymn is found on page 11 of this leaflet*

## Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson

## Anthem

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more  
clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

*Words: Saint Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)*

*Music: L. J. White (1910-1949)*

## 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*

**G**RACIOUS FATHER, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in  
all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;  
where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is  
in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son  
our Savior. ¶ *People Amen.*

**L**ORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *☩ People Amen.*

**O** HEAVENLY FATHER, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**B**LESSED LORD, who thyself hast borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: Hear thou our prayer for all that are in trouble, sickness, and distress. Draw them, we pray thee, to thyself, that they may find the comfort and strength which thou alone canst give; and grant to all of us the loving heart and ready hand to help, that serving the needs of others we may show forth our love and gratitude to thee, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *☩ People Amen.*

**O** GOD, who hast bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

**G**RANT, WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ 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.*

# Hymn

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.*

*Music: FOREST GREEN, English melody;*

*adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## *Liturgical Music*

Englishman Percy Whitlock was a quiet soul who enjoyed enormous popularity as the Birmingham City Organist where he played countless organ recitals and appeared numerous times with the city's symphony orchestra. His lush musical vocabulary captures all of the idyllic imagery on the English countryside. His *Andante tranquillo*, heard prior to this morning's liturgy, is a favorite among his many works.

The great hymn writer and profound theologian Isaac Watts exhibited the ability to distill lofty theological thoughts down to their basic tenets in this hymn penned for children. *I sing the almighty power of God* is filled with vivid pictures of the handiwork of God and reminds us that God is found everywhere – both around us and in our midst.

Little is known of the life of L. J. White (including virtually no references to his full name), the composer of this lovely setting of the words of St. Richard of Chichester. Its fluid melody is eminently singable and the work is beautifully crafted in its simplicity.

Johann Sebastian Bach composed six suites in the French style for keyboard, known today as his *French Suites*. Brilliant in their polyphonic conception, he employed dance models for each movement. Heard at the end of today's liturgy is the *Allemande* from his *Sixth French Suite* arranged for violin and cello in dialogue with an oboe and bassoon.





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