



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,  
and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## 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**

*Jubilate 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 85:8–13**

*Audiam quid*

I will hearken what the Lord God will say; \*  
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,  
that they turn not again unto foolishness.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; \*  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth, \*  
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; \*  
and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and shall direct his going in the way.

¶ 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 19:9-18

**A**ND THERE ELIJAH CAME TO A CAVE, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Eli’jah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Eli’jah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Eli’jah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Haz’ael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Eli’sha the son of Shaphat of A’bel-meho’lah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And him who escapes from the sword of Haz’ael shall Jehu slay; and him who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Eli’sha slay. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Ba’al, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle

## Canticle

*Benedictus es, Domine*

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN: 29-34

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*¶ All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

MATTHEW 14:22-33

**J**ESUS MADE THE DISCIPLES GET INTO THE BOAT and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Thou art worthy, O Lord, \*  
to receive glory and honor and power:  
For thou hast created all things, \*  
and for thy pleasure they are and were created.  
Thou art worthy, O Lamb that wast slain, \*  
and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood  
Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; \*  
and hast made us unto our God kings and priests.  
Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power \*  
be unto him that sitteth upon the throne  
And unto the Lamb \*  
for ever and ever.

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

**G**RANT TO US, LORD, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy 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**LORD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

**O**GOD, WHO HAST MADE of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ 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 wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!  
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - de, the sea.  
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

*Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)*

*Music: HANOVER, att. William Croft (1678-1727)*

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

## Anthem

My eyes for beauty pine,  
    My soul for Goddes grace.  
No other care nor hope is mine;  
    To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
    from all the stars above;  
Tis named when God's name is said:  
    Tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart  
    that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
    of that celestial fire.

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*  
*Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## 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 GOD, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People* Amen.

**O**MERCIFUL CREATOR, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **¶ People Amen.**

**O**GOD, REMEMBER IN THY MERCY the poor and needy, the widow and the fatherless, the stranger and the friendless, the sick and suffering and the dying. Relieve their needs, sanctify their sufferings, uphold their faith, and in due time bring them out of all their trouble; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **¶ People Amen.**

**L**OOK WITH PITY, O heavenly Father, upon all thy children who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins of deed or neglect against these our neighbors. Give strength to those who work for justice and opportunity for all, and grant that all may enjoy the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **¶ People Amen.**

**O**GOD, BY WHOM the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; 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.**

## *Liturgical Music*

Though not a prolific composer, George Oldroyd produced several miniature gems for the organ. The short piece that begins today's liturgy, his Liturgical Improvisation III, has been orchestrated by Robert Lehman and is played by the ARIA Chamber Orchestra.

The Scottish hymn writer, Robert Grant, author of this morning's hymn, became a member of Parliament, Judge Advocate General, and was knighted when appointed Governor General of Bombay. His hymn, a free paraphrase of Psalm 104, celebrates in rich language the works of God in creation.

Herbert Howells is the dean of the early 20th-century English cathedral musical tradition. Steeped in it from infancy, one can almost see the soaring arches of the English cathedrals dotting the English countryside immediately upon hearing his music. Here he sets English Poet Laureate Robert Bridges' stunning text in a simple and forthright manner.

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 Menuet and Trio from his Third French Suite arranged for recorder, oboe d'amore, and bassoon in alternation with two violins and cello.





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