



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

Opening Sentences

Officiant Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Confession of Sin

¶ The Officiant says

DEARLY 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 138

Confitebor tibi

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth; *
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me; *
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord; *
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; *
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me; *
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me; *
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;
despise not then the works of thine own hands.

¶ 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 51:1-6

THUS SAYS THE LORD, “Hearken to me, you who pursue deliverance, you who seek the Lord; look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were digged. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for when he was but one I called him, and 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 ear to me, my nation; for a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. My

deliverance draws near speedily, my salvation has gone forth, 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 they who dwell in it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.”

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

Canticle

Cantemus Domino

EXODUS 15:1-6. 11-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: *
they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
in the mountain of thine inheritance,

In the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; *
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign *
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 are seated*

The Second Lesson

MATTHEW 16:13-20

NOW WHEN JESUS CAME INTO THE DISTRICT of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Canticle *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory ✠ of God the Father. 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

GRANT, WE BESEECH THEE, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. ¶ *People Amen.*

O GOD, WHO MAKEST US GLAD with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

ALmighty 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

ALMIGHTY 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

ALMIGHTY 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. Dr. Stewart Douglas Clem

Anthem

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name
for thy lovingkindness and truth:

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
they shall sing in the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high,
yet hath he respect unto the lowly;

though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet thou shalt refresh me
and thy right hand shall hold me.

Words: Psalm 138:2, 4-7

Music: George Dyson (1883-1964)

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*

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, grant, we beseech thee, that by the indwelling
of thy Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for thy service; send
thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us in accordance with thy will, to
comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into thy truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of 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.*

HEAVENLY FATHER, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

HEAVENLY 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.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *☩ People Amen.*

The Blessing

GO 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

Full
Men
Choir
Full

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861,
 after John Mason Neale (1818-1866) alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell (1659-1695) adapt.

Liturgical Music

The music that opens this morning's liturgy is the Three-Part Sinfonia XII in A major by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Originally composed for keyboard, it is here arranged for violin, oboe d'amore, and cello.

Today's hymn, from the 7th-century Latin, amplifies St. Paul's description of the Church in Ephesians 2:20-21, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets with Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. The tune, *Westminster Abbey*, is drawn from the final section of Henry Purcell's (1659-1695) verse anthem, *O God, thou art my God*. The recorded hymn heard today is an archival recording made by the CSMSG choir for this arrangement's publication by the Saint James Music Press (it can also be heard on the SJMP website). The arrangement is by the Canadian composer Rachel Aarons.

The anthem, *I will worship*, by George Dyson is a lilting setting of verses from the Psalm appointed for today. Its fresh, pastoral nature makes it an ideal anthem for the heat of Summer. Dyson served as Director of the Royal College of Music and was responsible for keeping it afloat during the Second World War which he did successfully, thus securing the future of British music education at the highest levels.

This morning's liturgy closes with J. S. Bach's Three-Part Sinfonia XIV in B-flat arranged for recorder, oboe d'amore, and cello.



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