



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me,  
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

## 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*

**Psalm 26:1–8**

*Judica me, Domine*

Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: \*  
my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; \*  
try out my reins and my heart.

For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes; \*  
and I will walk in thy truth.

I have not dwelt with vain persons; \*  
neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

I have hated the congregation of the wicked; \*  
and will not sit among the ungodly.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord; \*  
and so will I go to thine altar;

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, \*  
and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, \*  
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

*¶ 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

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

**O** LORD, THOU KNOWEST; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In thy forbearance take me not away; know that for thy sake I bear reproach. Thy words were found, and I ate them, and thy words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because thy hand was upon me, for thou hadst filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Wilt thou be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

## Canticle

*Quaerite Dominum*

ISAIAH 55:6-11

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, \*  
call ye upon him while he is near:  
Let the wicked forsake his way, \*  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:  
And let him return unto the Lord,  
and he will have mercy upon him; \*  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, \*  
and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,  
And maketh it bring forth and bud, \*  
that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:  
So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: \*  
it shall not return unto me void,  
But it shall accomplish that which I please, \*  
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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 16:21-28

**F**ROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO SHOW his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

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

## Canticle

*Dignus es*

REVELATION 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

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

**L**ORD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.*

**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

*Unison*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

*Words: ReginAmerican Folk Hymn, ca. 1835*

*Music: WONDROUS LOVE, from The Southern Harmony, 1835*

## Sermon

The Rev. Peter James Speropolos

## Anthem

O strength and stay upholding all creation,  
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,  
yet day by day the light in due gradation  
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;

Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,  
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,  
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending  
with dawning glories of the eternal day.

Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,  
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,  
who with the Holy Ghost by all things living  
now and to endless ages art adored.  
Amen.

*Words: St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397)*

*Music: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559); arr. William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

## 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*

**O** LORD OUR GOVERNOR, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; 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** MOST MIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee to thee for succour. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through 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.*

**A**SSIST US MERCIFULLY, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; 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*

The prelude music to this morning's liturgy is the *Prelude on 'Wondrous Love'* (today's hymn sung later in the liturgy) composed by Robert Lehman. This early American folk hymn's haunting melody in the Dorian Mode, coupled with its simple message of awe of the love of Jesus, has made it one of the most popular hymns from the early days of American hymnody. Here it is played by the ARIA Chamber Orchestra.

Today's hymn, *Wondrous Love*, shows signs of Celtic influences and its unusual meter (12. 9. 12. 12. 9.) matches that of an old sea chanty about Captain Kidd. (Captain Kidd's name appears often in the study of early American tunes.) The beautiful tune first appeared in the valleys of the Southern Appalachians in the early 19th century where it was first recorded by William Walker and, subsequently, included in his historic hymn collection *Southern Harmony*. The repetitive nature of the text serves to underscore the magnificence of the hymn's message.

Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559) was a key figure in the Protestant reform movement in Geneva along with John Calvin. His work included the compilation of hymn tunes, many newly composed, for the metrical Psalms found in Calvin's hymnal. He is best known as the composer of the hymn tune *Old Hundredth*, better known in Protestant circles as "The Doxology." *O strength and stay*, a text attributed to St. Ambrose, is typical of the composer's style, particularly as exemplified in Calvin's metrical Psalter.

This morning's liturgy closes with the Two-Part Sinfonia XV in B minor. Originally composed for keyboard, it is here arranged for oboe d'amore (a Baroque oboe) and cello.



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