



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

## 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 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; \*  
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; \*  
for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, \*  
and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; \*  
and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant, \*  
that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of; \*  
for thy judgments are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments; \*  
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*¶ 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

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

**S**O YOU, SON OF MAN, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life. And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: “Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

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

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord; \*  
 O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;  
 O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;  
 O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;  
 O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;  
 O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; \*  
 O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.  
 Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; \*  
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

*¶ All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

MATTHEW 18:15-20

**J**ESUS SAID, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

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

Thou art worthy, O Lord,  
 Great and marvellous are thy works,\*  
 Lord God Almighty!  
 Just and true are thy ways, \*  
 Thou King of saints.  
 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy Name? \*  
 For thou only art holy:  
 For all nations shall come and worship before thee; \*  
 for thy judgments are made manifest.

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 US, O LORD, WE PRAY THEE, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

**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



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most      bless - ed, most      glo - rious, the      An - cient of Days,  
 thy      jus - tice like      moun - tains high      soar - ing a - bove  
 we      blos - som and      flour - ish, like      leaves on the tree,  
 all      laud we would      ren - der: O      help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy      great Name we      praise.  
 thy clouds, which are      foun - tains of      good - ness and      love.  
 then with - er and      per - ish; but      nought chan - geth      thee.  
 'tis on - ly the      splen - dor of      light hid - eth      thee.

*Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt.*

*Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh tune from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839;*

*adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm, The English Hymnal, 1936, alt.*

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
 For when humbly, in thy name,  
 Two or three are met together,  
 Thou art in the midst of them:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
 In the name of Christ to sup,  
 Then with thanks to God the Father  
 Break the bread and bless the cup,  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve thee faithfully.

*Words: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)*  
*Music: Harold Friedell (1905–1958)*

## 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.*

**O**ALMIGHTY GOD, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquillity thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

**O** LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, regard, we beseech thee, with thy divine pity the pains of all thy children; and grant that the passion of our Lord and his infinite love may make fruitful for good the tribulations of the innocent, the sufferings of the sick, and the sufferings of the bereaved; through him who suffered in our flesh and died for our sake, the same thy Son our 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.*

## *Liturgical Music*

Thomas Arne (1710-1778) was best known as a composer for the 18th-century English theater, primarily Drury Land and Covent Garden, and for composing the rousing *Rule, Britannia!* His charming *Flute Tune*, this morning's pre-service music, is a movement from the seventh of his *VIII Sonatas or Lessons for the Harpsichord*, composed in London in 1756. It is here arranged for Recorder, English Horn, Bassoon, and Strings by Robert Lehman and is played by the ARIA Chamber Orchestra.

Today's hymn draws its inspiration from 1 Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever." The climactic thought is that of God being made invisible, hidden by the splendor of light.

The popular anthem *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* by Harold Friedell is one of the most-sung anthems in the Episcopal Church. Its simple construction coupled with the beauty of the tune (later named *Union Seminary* for the theological school on the upper west side of Manhattan) and eucharistic text have secured for it an uncontested place in the top ranks of the choral repertoire.

A Benedictine monk, Valentin Rathgeber, composer of *Aria Pastorella*, this morning's closing music, served as Organist and Choirmaster of his Abbey Church. Virtually unknown today, his composition catalogue is not insignificant. Originally for keyboard, the piece is here arranged for two oboes and bassoon in dialogue with two violins and cello.



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