

THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer and Great Litany

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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

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

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*

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me; *
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul; *
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, *
that cry over me, There! there!

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: *
and let all such as delight in thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery: *
haste thee unto me, O God.

Thou art my helper, and my redeemer: *
O Lord, make no long tarrying.

¶ 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

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

BUT WE WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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

Canticle

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN: 35-65

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 ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, 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 25:1-13

THEN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Canticle

Magna et mirabilia

REVELATION 15:34

Thou art worthy, O Lord,
Great and marvellous are thy works,*
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are thy ways, *
Thou King or saints.
Who shall not rear 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

O GOD, WHOSE BLESSED SON was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. ¶ *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.*

LORD 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

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

g **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. *g* **People** *Amen.*

Hymn



1 Let all mortal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

*Music: PICARDY, French Carol, 17th c.; melody from Chansons
populaires des Provinces de France, 1860*

Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail
more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs
affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly
out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord,
and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys
of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears
nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams
the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord,
and raise my sprite to thee!

Words: Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

Music: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

‣ *All kneel*

The Great Litany

Litanist O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and peace,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Litanist O Christ, hear us.
People O Christ, hear us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Lord, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Christ, have mercy upon us.
People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Let us pray.

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 asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, 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.

Liturgical Music

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946) lived a short life and was a master of the miniature form. A student of Charles Villiers Stanford and Ralph Vaughan Williams, he pushed the boundaries of his mentor's musical vocabulary to find his voice in lush, chromatic harmonies. His *Folk Tune*, heard this morning, is drawn from his *Five Short Pieces* for organ and was orchestrated by Robert Lehman. It is played by the ARIA Chamber orchestra.

The haunting hymn, *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*, is drawn from one of the most ancient liturgies of the Church, traditionally ascribed to St. James, the brother of Jesus. Its first extant form exists from the mid fourth century in both Greek and Syriac. Its brooding melody helps to conjure images of the "last things."

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and organist who spent most of his career at Cambridge University and at the Royal College of Music where his pupils included both Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. His short anthem, *Never weather-beaten sail*, sung this morning, is not widely known but, nevertheless, is a gem of the repertoire that sets the famous words of Thomas Campion.

John Alcock (1715-1806), composer of this morning's closing music, *Siciliano*, was a lesser-known student of John Stanley at St. Paul's Cathedral and composer. The details known of his life are included in his semi-autobiographical novel, *The Life of Miss Fanny Brown* published under the pseudonym John Piper in 1771.



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