



**Morning Prayer on the 18th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4, 2020  
9:00am**

**Welcome**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 78**

*Officiant* The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*  
Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57: 15*

**Confession of Sin**

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*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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 with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*All*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your 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. Alleluia.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7 said together*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 80: 7-14**

**BCP p. 703**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.  
<sup>9</sup>You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.  
<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from the heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

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**

**First Reading** *Philippians 3: 4b-14*

New Living Translation

<sup>4b</sup>If others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!<sup>5</sup> I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. <sup>6</sup>I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.  
<sup>7</sup>I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.  
<sup>8</sup>Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup>so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!  
<sup>12</sup>I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. <sup>13</sup>No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

<sup>33</sup>“Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.<sup>34</sup> At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop. <sup>35</sup>But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him, but the results were the same.

<sup>37</sup>“Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’

<sup>38</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’ <sup>39</sup>So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him.

<sup>40</sup>“When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?”

<sup>41</sup>The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.”

<sup>42</sup>Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures?

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing,  
and it is wonderful to see.’

<sup>43</sup>I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. <sup>44</sup>Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

<sup>45</sup>When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers.<sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed**

*Revelation 15:3-4*

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O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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. Alleluia.

**Reflection**

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and people together.*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to

judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### *The Prayer of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *A Prayer for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad, with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

In this Diocese, we pray for the people of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Liverpool, and their clergy, the Rev. Paul Frolick and the Rev. Shelly Banner;; and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church, Lowville. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Francisco de Asis, in El Pital, Lourdes, and their priest The Rev. Irma Alvarado. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Central Florida and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Gregory O. Brewer. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The people of the Anglican Church of Tanzania and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. **Amen.**

### *A prayer for the Nation*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold office in this nation, the spirit of wisdom,

charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for the mission of the Church*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessing**

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

**The General Thanksgiving**

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*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*