



**Morning Prayer on the 14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020
9:00am**

Welcome

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 78

Officiant Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*
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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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.

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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.

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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.

Jubilate *Psalms 100*

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
 36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.
 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.
 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.
 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgements are good.
 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

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

A Reading Romans 13: 8-14

Contemporary English Version

⁸ Let love be your only debt! If you love others, you have done all that the Law demands. ⁹ In the Law there are many commands, such as, “Be faithful in marriage. Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not want what belongs to others.” But all of these are summed up in the command that says, “Love others as much as you love yourself.” ¹⁰ No one who loves others will harm them. So love is all that the Law demands.
¹¹ You know what sort of times we live in, and so you should live properly. It is time to wake up. You know that the day when we will be saved is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord. ¹² Night is almost over, and day will soon appear. We must stop behaving as people do in the dark and be ready to live in the light. ¹³ So behave properly, as people do in the day. Don’t go to wild parties or get drunk or be vulgar or indecent. Don’t quarrel or be jealous. ¹⁴ Let the Lord Jesus Christ be as near to you as the clothes you wear. Then you won’t try to satisfy your selfish desires.

Officiant 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.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18: 15-20

¹⁵ If one of my followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have won back a follower. ¹⁶ But if that one refuses to listen, take along one or two others. The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true by two or more witnesses. ¹⁷ If the follower refuses to listen to them, report the matter to the church. Anyone who refuses to listen to the church must be treated like an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸ I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don’t allow. ¹⁹ I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about

something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰ Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.

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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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

For the church everywhere: In our Parishes, we pray for people of Grace Episcopal Church in Willowdale (Geneva) and their priest, the Rev. Polly Kasey; and people of Zion Episcopal Church, Greene and their priest, the Very Rev. David Hanselman. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Pedro y San Pablo, in Cuilapa, Ahuachapán, and their priest, the Rev. Mario Nuñez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Arkansas and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their primate, the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. Loving God; **hear us as we pray.**

A prayer for the New School Year

Loving and Gracious God,
we ask for your blessing on the start of this school year,
for students, families, teachers, administrators and staff.
Give your wisdom to those making plans and decisions,
Give your peace to those who may be anxious or uncertain,
Give your patience and self-control to those who struggle with the limitations placed on us by this pandemic.
Be in the homes, and schools, and offices of all those involved in education,
And give them forbearance with one another,
Give them joy in being together,
Give them confidence when faced with challenges.
And especially keep them safe and healthy.
We name before you now, those we know and love,
And those who concern us most: _____.

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