



**Morning Prayer on the 25th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2020  
9:00am**

**Welcome**

**Opening Sentences**

New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us the desire to serve you,  
to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation  
and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Confession of Sin**

Now in humility and trust, we pray for the forgiveness of our sins:

**God of grace, for our failure to listen to others, forgive us.  
For our blindness to the hurt and suffering of others, forgive us.  
For offering judgment rather than compassion, to those in need, forgive us.  
For our fear of those who are different from ourselves, forgive us.  
For the harm we have done, forgive us.  
For the good we have failed to do, forgive us.  
Guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well, in the Name of the  
One who saves us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Priest*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us 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!

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.  
 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;  
 let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.  
 3 Let those who say to me “Aha”! and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.  
 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;  
 let those who love your salvation say for ever, “Great is the Lord!”  
 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.  
 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

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**      *Amos 5: 18-2*

vss 18-23: Contemporary English Version  
 vs 24: New Revised Standard Version

<sup>18</sup>You look forward to the day when the Lord comes to judge. But you are in for trouble! It won't be a time of sunshine; all will be darkness. <sup>19</sup>You will run from a lion, only to meet a bear. You will escape to your house, rest your hand on the wall, and be bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>The day when the Lord judges will be dark, very dark, without a ray of light.

<sup>21</sup>I, the Lord, hate and despise your religious celebrations and your times of worship. <sup>22</sup>I won't accept your offerings or animal sacrifices—<sup>23</sup>No more of your noisy songs! I won't listen when you play your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*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.

**Second reading**      *Matthew 25: 1-13*

New Living Translation

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids<sup>1</sup> who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps, <sup>4</sup>but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.<sup>5</sup>When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. <sup>8</sup>Then the five foolish ones asked the others, ‘Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“But the others replied, ‘We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. <sup>11</sup>Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, ‘Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he called back, ‘Believe me, I don’t know you!’

<sup>13</sup>“So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return.

*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.

### *The Prayer of the Day*

God of all peoples and nations, we have gathered in this place at your invitation. We come from varied backgrounds and political beliefs that often put us at odds with our friends, our family, and our neighbors. In this time of worship and prayer inspire us through your Spirit to a renewed sense of unity in Christ. Move us beyond the things that would divide us to a deep awareness of all that we share, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

In our Parishes, we pray for people of St. John's Episcopal Church, Oneida and their priest, the Very Rev. Nick Smith; and the people of Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Oswego and their priest, the Rev. Anne Wichelns. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Santisima Trinidad, in Santa Teresa, San Martin, and their priest The Rev. Guillermo Hueso. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Colombia, The Rt. Rev. Francisco Jose Duque-Gómez. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church in the Province of the West Indies and their primate, the Most Rev. Howard Gregory.

*A prayer for our nation*

We pray for our nation, our cities, and our neighborhoods, that together we will work to be communities where all people are respected and safe, where difference of opinion does not lead to violence, and where our combined creativity heals brokenness of all kinds.

We pray for all elected officials, that they will lead our country with strength and compassion. And we pray as we await the outcome of elections, that we will be committed to justice, to peace, and to bringing our nation together to address our challenges.

*A prayer for those in need*

We pray for those in need of healing, and those who work to heal, especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_; May they know the healing touch of Jesus to be a source of rest, comfort, and restoration.

For those we love but see no longer, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. May they live forever with God in Christ.

*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*