



Mobile, Alabama
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020
Service of the Simple Presence
Ten o'clock in the morning

You are invited to join in the worship of God. This service uses the Book of Common Prayer as a form for entering the Presence of God and making ourselves present to God through stillness, reflection, and prayer. This bulletin contains the prayers, scripture readings, and music for today's worship. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Scriptural texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Other music sources are noted in the text.

Welcome

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 79

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 keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People:

**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 Collect of the Day

BCP 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples;
 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
 7 He is the Lord our God; *
 his judgements prevail in all the world.
 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
 the promise he made for a thousand generations.
 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
 the oath that he swore to Isaac,
 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
 an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
 To be your allotted inheritance."
 45b Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**Officiant:* A Reading from Matthew

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Meditation

The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

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

The people stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us bring before the Lord the prayers that dwell in the heart of our community, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our tongues, that we may speak of your marvelous works and rejoice in your bountiful gifts of forgiveness and new life; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Righteous Governor, assist our leaders in discerning truth from deception, and good from evil, so that they may exercise their office with integrity and be signs of hope to the people of our country and world; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Source of strength, be with us in our weakness, and help those who live in the dark corners of hopelessness, so that your love may reveal a greater light and dispel the fears that visit every heart; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bearer of our sins, remove the dust that blinds us to our shortcomings, so that in admitting our wayward thoughts and actions we may turn toward your mercy and receive your forgiveness; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Creator of the universe, who brings us joy in the diversity of all that the eye can behold, make us ever grateful for the splendor of your making, and ever protective of its fruits; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Son of Righteousness, bring the dead into the brilliance of your light, and make us thankful for the intercession of your saints; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bound together in the love of Christ, let us continue our prayers.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbrecht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson,

Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Lisa Williams, Fr. Dennis Brown, and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.
We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; and for all ministers in the church.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the team responsible for preparing for the postponed Lambeth Conference originally scheduled for this summer.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember Immanuel Episcopal Church, Bay Minette.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea; and The Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Mobile.

The Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for Federal Prison Camp, and REAP Re-entry Program, Pensacola.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Invitation to Silent Prayer and Music

Blessing

Music

Solo

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart
(1756-1791)

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people.

For he has bestowed His mercy upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.

Liturgy

Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above!

Hanover
Hymnal 388



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