



Mobile, Alabama
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Psalm 119:105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

BCP 772

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgements.
¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
¹⁰⁸ Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgements.
¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
¹¹⁰ The wicked have set up a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Officiant: A Reading from Matthew

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 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.

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to visit our churches and to receive a deep sense of God's presence through our worship together; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the light of Christ will reveal the path to those for whom the shadows are long, the poor and desperate, the lonely and unemployed, the hungry and fearful, the refugee and homeless, the prisoner and those who live as if in prison, that we may not forget them; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For our Commander-in-Chief and all who serve in the armed forces, that we may be thankful for their many sacrifices, and honor the service they render to our country and to the security of the world; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who have died, that they may reside in that place where there is no sorrow or pain, but life everlasting; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For safety for children who are on vacation, that they may have the chance to learn new skills, build healthy bodies, and develop new and lasting friendships; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

With heart and mind turned toward God, we 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 Armbrrecht, 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.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Shelley Carr Nightingale, daughter of Bill and Lynn Carr.

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 all the members of the Anglican Church of Pakistan.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Milton

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda; and Forest Park Bible Church, Mobile.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for L.I.F.E. Tech Transitional Center, Thomasville.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Invitation to Silent Prayer and Music

Blessing

Music

Solo

How Great Thou Art

Swedish trad.

Mollie A. Adams, *soprano*

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Stuart K. Hine
(1899-1989)

Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College
Hymnal 593



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The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, *Dean Emeritus*
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