



Mobile, Alabama
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2020

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Morning Prayer: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

Prelude

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

Intermezzo

Welcome

Introit

Christopher Idle
(b. 1938)

Eternal Light

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.

from a Prayer of Alcuin (c. 735-804)

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise vs. 1-3

Leoni
Hymnal 401

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace, on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains, and glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

Opening Sentence

BCP 78

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength
and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

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 kneel in 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.**

Invitatory and Psalter *All stand.*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People:

**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.**

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Hymnal S-35

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 13

Usquequo, Domine?

Please sing refrain when indicated.

BCP 597

Refrain: Give light to my eyes, O Lord.



- 1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
My heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High

Refrain

Refrain

Officiant and People:

**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.**

The Lessons

First Reading:

Genesis 22:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13

A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

S-236

- ²⁹ Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- ³⁰ Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- ³¹ Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- ³² Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- ³³ Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- ³⁴ Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Church's one foundation vs. 1, 4, 5

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 she is his new creation by water and the word:
 from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
 she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
 and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them,
 the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Officiant: A Reading from Matthew.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

- 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 Collect of the Day

BCP 230

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

We stand before God in awesome fear, as the power of divine grace is revealed through the mystery of word and sacrament. Trusting in his grace, we offer our prayers, responding, "Kyrie eleison."

For those who claim the prophetic voice in our generation, that they may be willing to pay the price of their convictions and, like the prophets of old, have their testimony tried in the fires of eternity; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That we may respond to the needs of others before we are ready, and give of our bounty when we have yet to be generous, that in the companionship of the apostles we will grow in grace and discover our holiness; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For our President, that he may be given the wisdom to make judicious decisions, seeking the light of the Lord who is the source of all righteousness; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

For safety and refreshment for those on vacation, that they may relax from their work and be reunited with those they love; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

That the dead may be granted an entrance into the fellowship of the saints; let us pray.

Kyrie eleison.

Enrich our hearts with the gift of hospitality newly imagined, O God, as 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, Mary Rose Snider, Jeb Shell, Harold Dodge, 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 Victor Paul Stanton, Charles B. Ryan and Anna Lou Meggs Ryan; and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Leslie Stanton-Halley and Jeffrey Halley.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; and for all ministers in the church, and especially for those in our diocese being ordained to the diaconate today, Mike Ballard, Lydia Johnson, David Chatel, David Clothier, Bob Donnell, Rachel Iversen, John Kendall, and John Talbert.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all the members of the Anglican Church of North India.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember Trinity Episcopal Church, Mobile and Wilmer Hall Children's Home.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Kenya and Tanzania; and Green Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile.

The Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for Loxley Work Release, Loxley.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Officiant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.
Matthew 5:23,24

The Offertory

Solo

William Daman
(1540-1591)

Lord Jesus, Think On Me
Mollie A. Adams, soprano

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, with care and woe oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be, and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point thou the heav'nly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

Syresius of Cyrene
(c.375-414)

BCP 101

The General Thanksgiving

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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you

have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: 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

Westminster Abbey

Hymnal 518

Closing Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation vs. 1, 3, 4

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servant as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Postlude

Allegro

G. F. Handel

(1685-1759)



MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant..... The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
Lay Reader..... Carolyn S. Jeffers
Organist Christopher W. Powell
Soloist..... Mollie A. Adams
Altar Guild..... Barbara Archer
Flower Guild..... Ricky Bradford, Bruce Rockstad



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