



Mobile, Alabama
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Officiant: A Reading from Matthew

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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.

We lift our prayers to God, who knows our necessities before we ask and rejoices in our asking, as we respond, "Hear us, good Lord."

That judges, attorneys, and juries may be fair and just in their dealings with those who come before them, relying on the law and legal precedence, and weighing their decisions with compassion and forbearance; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the Church may welcome young adults into its life, inviting them into positions of responsibility and leadership, listening to their ideas, and joining with them in building for the future; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That God's will may break through the hardened surfaces of those who release their despair through violence, abuse, gang membership, vengeful societies, and terrorist organizations, so that they may be changed into the architects of a peaceful and prosperous world; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the hope of the poor be not in vain, and those with a troubled spirit be not forgotten, but assisted through the generosity of those whose hearts are fertile soil in which the ministry Christ bears much fruit; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the leaders of the nations may usher in the peace of God's reign; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That all who have returned to the dust may be raised to the glory of everlasting life; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

In the light that knows no setting of the sun, 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.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Samuel Randall Stephenson.

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Chapel of St. Dismas, Atmore

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Gabon, São Tomé and Príncipe; and The Hispanic Ministry, Mobile.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for the Federal Correction Institution and Camp, Marianna.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Invitation to Silent Prayer and Music

Blessing

Solo

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Come, O Thou Traveler unknown, Whom still I hold but cannot see;
My company before is gone, And I am left alone with Thee;
With Thee all night I mean to stay, And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am, My sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name, Look on Thy hands, and read it there;
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, But confident in self-despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak, Be conquered by my instant prayer;
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move, And tell me if Thy name be Love.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee: Pure, universal Love Thou art;
To me, to all Thy mercies move; Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)

Slane

Hymnal 482

Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness



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