

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer Rite II

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Hymn 401

"The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

*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.*

*The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."*

*The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

Opening Sentence: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

BCP 79 • The Confession of Sin

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.

BCP 80 • The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our 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.

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80 • Invitatory

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.**

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen**

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Anglican chant; cantor

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works. Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham. The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies; Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants. He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah! GLORIA PATRI

The Lessons

The First Lesson *Exodus 3:1-15*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.**

**He from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.**

**On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior, with songs that never cease.**

Spoken by 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.**

The Second Lesson Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Canticle 7 (Te Deum laudamus) chanted by the cantor

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty,
thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all
believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

The Third Lesson Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands

of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The Sermon *The Rev. Paul Bennett*

Announcements

BCP 96 • The Apostles' Creed

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

BCP 97 • The Salutation

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

BCP 97 • The Lord's Prayer *Traditional*

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.

BCP 97 • Suffrages A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People: **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;
People: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Office Anthem

"There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place"

Doris Akers

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Sarah Simmons, mezzo-soprano; Stanley E. Workman, Jr., and Justin Wiget, pianists

BCP 101 • The General Thanksgiving

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.

BCP 102 • A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

BCP 102 • The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 562

"Onward, Christian soldiers"

St. Gertrude

***Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!***

***Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!***

***Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng; blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:
glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King; this through countless ages we with angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!***