

**8:00 Service**

*held via Zoom videoconferencing*



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**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 21, 2020

# MORNING PRAYER— 8 A.M.

*Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)*

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## Opening Acclamation

*BCP 79*

*Officiant* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

## Confession of Sin

*BCP 79*

*Officiant* 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.

## A Liturgy of Lament

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*All:* **God of mercy, justice, reconciliation, and peace, we confess to you that we are unmerciful, unjust, and have often settled for a false sense of peace to avoid confrontation.**

Silence for reflection

**We have sinned against you as individuals in our actions and inaction, our words and our silence, and our thoughts and beliefs.**

Silence for reflection

**We have sinned against you as a community, a society, and a culture that embraces racial bias, white supremacy, and hierarchical norms instead of your ways and your kingdom.**

Silence for reflection

**Reveal to us the truth of our past and communities, the ways we have hurt each other, and the ways that we ignored the voices of the hurting.**

Silence for reflection

**Make clear to us the areas where we have been complicit or have participated in the oppression of those who bear your image.**

Silence for reflection

**We silence the stories that make us uncomfortable or challenge our viewpoint, and ignore the people who tell them.**

Silence for reflection

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

Silence for reflection

**We do not love all people equally, but prioritize those who are like us, agree with us, and make us feel good about ourselves.**

Silence for reflection

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that together we may delight in your will and walk in your ways of mercy, justice and peace to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

*BCP 80*

*Presider:* 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 Invitatory & Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*BCP 80*

*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.**

## **Venite** (*Psalm 95:1-7*)

*BCP 82*

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 69: 8-20**

*BCP Version*

- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- 15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.
- 17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19 "Hide not your face from your servant; \*  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20 Draw near to me and redeem me; \*

because of my enemies deliver me.

*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 Lessons

### First Lesson- Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Common English Bible*

In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah laments having to speak God's word of judgment to the people of Judah (the southern kingdom of Israel) because of the suffering it causes him.

LORD, you enticed me, and I was taken in.

    You were too strong for me, and you prevailed.

Now I'm laughed at all the time;

    everyone mocks me.

Every time I open my mouth, I cry out

    and say, "Violence and destruction!"

The LORD's word has brought me

    nothing but insult and injury, constantly.

I thought, I'll forget him;

    I'll no longer speak in his name.

But there's an intense fire in my heart,

    trapped in my bones.

    I'm drained trying to contain it;

    I'm unable to do it.

I hear many whispering—

    "Panic Lurks Everywhere!—

    proclaim, yes, let's proclaim it ourselves!"

All my friends are waiting for me to stumble:

    "Perhaps he can be enticed.

    Then we'll prevail against him

    and get our revenge on him!"

But the LORD is with me like a strong defender.

    Therefore, my oppressors

    will stumble and not prevail.

They will be disgraced by their own failures.

    Their dishonor will never be forgotten.

The LORD of heavenly forces tests the righteous

    and discerns the heart and the mind.

Let me see your retribution upon them,  
for I have committed my case to you.  
Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the needy  
from the clutches of evildoers.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

### **Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah** (*Isaiah 12:2-6*)

*BCP 86*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*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.**

### **Second Lesson- Romans 6:1b-11**

*Common English Bible*

This passage from Paul's letter to the Romans is central to the church's understanding of baptism as the means by which we are freed from sin and death, through being united with Jesus's death and resurrection. Parts of it are quoted in Easter and funeral liturgies.

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply?

Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were

buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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### **Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah**

*BCP 92-93*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight  
    all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
    shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*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.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Common English Bible*

Today's reading from Matthew continues the "missionary discourse," the speech Jesus gives to his disciples before he sends them out to minister in his name.

Jesus said, "Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master. It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names. Therefore, don't be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing secret that won't be brought out into the open. What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

"Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

"Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. People's enemies are members of their own households.

"Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me. Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

**Sermon      The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector**

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

## The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

*All* 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

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

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## Suffrages B

*BCP 98*

*Server* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*People* **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Server* Day by day we bless you;  
*People* **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Server* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Server* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Server* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Collect of the Day

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Sundays

*BCP 98*

*Server* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Mission

*BCP 100*

*Server* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Community Prayers

### For Birthdays:

*BCP 830*

Watch over **Father John** Duncan (21), **Lise** Crowley (21), **Eila** Latif (22), **Claudia**

Brown (23) and **Sue** Becker (27), O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For Baptism Anniversaries:**

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servant **Bill** Kell (25) celebrates the anniversary of his baptism, give him courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen him in his Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For Wedding Anniversaries:**

*BCP 431*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants **Rowland and Pat** Rebele (13), **Michael & Alliee** DeArmond (21), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**For Travelers:**

*BCP 831*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular \_\_\_\_\_; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The General Thanksgiving**

*BCP 101*

*All*     **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.

### Closing Versicle & Response

*BCP 102*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Concluding Sentence

*BCP 102*

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

### Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Server:	Sally Lewis
Lesson:	Bart Coddington
Epistle:	Margy Cottle
Scripture Introductions:	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller