

8:00 SERVICE

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**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 28, 2020

# MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

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## Opening Acclamation

BCP 79

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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 89:1-4,15-18

BCP Version

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

*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 28:5-9

*Common English Bible*

In our first reading, Jeremiah discredits the false prophet Hananiah by pointing out that Hananiah's promise that the Israelites would be freed from Babylonian control within two years contradicts the testimony of all previous prophets.

Then the prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the Lord's temple. The prophet Jeremiah said: "Indeed. May the Lord do just as you have said! May the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the Lord's temple and all the exiles to this place. However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people: The prophets who came before you and me long ago prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms. So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the Lord only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

*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 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

*BCP 87-88*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations Will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*

and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

*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 6:12-23**

*Common English Bible*

In this passage, Paul continues his argument that even though God forgives us unconditionally, we should not use that freedom as a license to sin, but instead choose to be “slaves to righteousness.”  
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.

*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 18: A Song to the Lamb

BCP 93-94

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

*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 10:40-42

*Common English Bible*

Today's Gospel reading is the conclusion of the "Missionary Discourse" from Matthew, Jesus's speech to the disciples before he sends them out to minister in his name.

Jesus said, "Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

*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

*Server* 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 **Antonette** Wood (29), **Elizabeth** Rowen (30), and **Sally** Hewitt (7/1), 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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:* Win Fernald  
*Lesson:* Bob White  
*Epistle:* Chris Cottle  
*Scripture Introductions:* The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller