

# Morning Prayer

July 6, 2022

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in our sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19: 14*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*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.***

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
Come let us adore him.

## Jubilate

*Psalm 100*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## The Psalm Appointed (appointed for the day)

*Psalm 105: 1-7*

**O give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples!**

**Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
tell of all his wonderful works!**

**Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

**Seek the LORD and his strength,  
seek his presence continually!**

**Remember the wonderful works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

**O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.**

**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**

#### **A Reading from the Prophet Hosea**

*Hosea 10: 1-12*

Israel is a luxuriant vine that yields its fruit.

The more his fruit increased the more altars he built;  
as his country improved he improved his pillars.

Their heart is false; now they must bear their guilt.

The LORD will break down their altars, and destroy their pillars.

For now they will say:

“We have no king, for we fear not the LORD, and a king, what could he do for us?”

Samar’ia’s king shall perish, like a chip on the face of the waters.

The high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed.

Thorn and thistle shall grow up on their altars;  
and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us,  
and to the hills, Fall upon us.

Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of steadfast love;  
break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the LORD,  
that he may come and rain salvation upon you.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

#### **Canticle 9**

#### **The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

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.***

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 Gospel

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew      *Matthew 10: 1-15*  
*People*      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay. Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart. As you enter the house, salute it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if any one will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomor’rah than for that town.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

***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

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

*Officiant* 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, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together a prayer for Spiritual Communion:

**Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. We are grateful to know there are many ways to experience your presence, but in whatever way we do, we know you come into our hearts, minds and souls. Unite my heart with those of my family of faith and make us all one with you. May this spiritual communion strengthen my faith and grant me confidence in your loving care now and forever. Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant* 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 ourselves 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.**

*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.**

## Bible Study

### Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Reflection on Luke 10: 25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is well known and much loved. Jesus tells this parable in response to questions from what the NRSV Bible calls a "lawyer." The original Greek in this passage connotes someone well-versed in the Torah. Here, the lawyer challenges Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus points the lawyer to the Law, and his answer is accepted. He tries to catch Jesus up one more time: "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus offers a parable in response.

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a man, traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, who is beset by robbers, beaten, and left on the side of the road. A priest and then a Levite pass him by, and he is helped and cared for by a Samaritan. The tendency of modern Christians is to think of the Samaritan as a member of an oppressed group offering help to

someone they don't know. But this doesn't quite capture the feeling of enmity that existed between Jewish people and the Samaritans. Both claim lineage back to Moses and both use the Torah as the source of religious observance. Where Samaritans are descended from the northern kingdom of Israel, who had Samaria as their main center of worship, the Jewish people are descended from Judah, which had Jerusalem as their main center of worship. Samaritans weren't any more or less oppressed than the Jewish people living under Roman occupation.

What we have here, then, is a story of a Samaritan crossing boundaries by not crossing the road. He uses the money and social position he has to care for an enemy. It's as if a Ukrainian person were to stop along the side of the road to care for a Russian person. It is unexpected, and, if enacted in real life, is violence-disrupting.

The lawyer realizes that the neighbor is the Samaritan but can't bring himself to actually say the word. Jesus tells him to do what the Samaritan does. We are called to do the same.

- In this passage, the Samaritan is "moved with pity" to act, as the lawyer observes, with "mercy." The term translated as "moved with pity" could also be translated as "to feel compassion." In what ways do compassion and mercy work together?
- When we read stories like these, we want to identify with the person who Jesus holds up as an exemplar. Think about each character in the parable: the robbers, the priest, the Levite, the man, the Samaritan, and the innkeeper. Which of these characters have you been in your life? Which characters have you met in your life? If you were ever the Samaritan, how did you decide to act?