

The Church of St. Barnabas, Irvington  
in the Episcopal Diocese of New York



A Service of Morning Prayer  
for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 2, 2020 at ten o'clock

### **Before the Service**

I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.

Brian A. Wren (b.1936)

Time itself is neutral; it can be used either destructively or constructively...  
Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the  
tireless efforts of men and women willing to work to be co-workers with God,  
and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social  
stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is  
always ripe to do right.

Why We Can't Wait (1963)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

I am enlivened by our stories of survival. Even though white folks tried to steal  
our histories – our lives, our labor, our culture, our origins – we recover the  
records. We find the census, the photos, the certificates, the inscriptions.  
Thanks to my grandmother, I am filled with stories of triumph over slavery, over  
lynching, over Jim Crow, because our dignity was too strong to crush. I have felt  
the cast-iron pot of my grandmother and held the Bible of my great-grand  
mother. I sit at the feet of my elders and listen to them honor our shared past.  
I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.

Austin Channing Brown

To our unborn child,  
You were born into a beautiful and messy world.  
We are your parents and we deeply love you.  
We are sorry that the world we brought you into is so messy...  
Be brave child.  
Listen to your heart.  
Listen to the voices of those overlooked.  
Listen to the land.  
Listen to the Spirit's movement.

Extract from *Go Listen* by Rachel and Chris Brnjas

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

## A Service of Morning Prayer

*When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church.*

### Prelude

### Opening Sentence

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.     *Matthew 3:2*  
+ Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
God's mercy endures forever.

### The Invitatory and Psalter

O Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouth shall show forth 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.

Praise the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

Venite     *Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People:*

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!

*Then follows in union*

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

*At the end of the Psalms is said*

**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**

*One or two lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from Romans

[9:1-5]

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [14:13-21]

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**

The Rev. Kevin D. Bean, The Rector's Father-in-Law

**The Apostles' Creed**

*said in unison*

**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.**

**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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

### Intercessions

*Officiant*

We have been united with Christ in his death, and made one with him in his resurrection. In his newness of life, we raise our hearts in prayer, responding, "*Lord have mercy.*"

### *Biddings*

Let us pray for the healing of the nations in a world bruised and torn apart by war, oppression and injustice. We pray also for all those who are seeking to bring peace and reconciliation in our own nation and an end to racial injustice.

**Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit at this time. Especially for whom we have been asked to pray, among them: [N]; may God's all embracing love reach out to them through his appointed people so that we are brought into fellowship with them, our brothers and sisters in need.

**Lord have mercy.**

Let us pray for all those who are recently departed and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them: [N]; we commend them to your mercy that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord have mercy.**

Lord of Life and Love, you have called us to serve you; give us the grace and strength to respond to your call and fill us with your ubiquitous and audacious love. We ask these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **The Collects**

#### **The Collect of the Day**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **A Prayer for Divine Encounter**

God of healing and hope, in Jesus Christ you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the novel coronavirus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. **Amen.**

*The Reverend Sam Wells; St Martins in the Field, London*

### **A Collect for the Nation**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Greetings and Announcements**

#### **Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, Look mercifully on this your family gathered in their own homes as well as in places of recovery and places of protest, that by your great goodness they may be justly governed and rightly preserved for evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### **Postlude**

*Officiant:* Gareth C. Evans +  
*Preacher:* Kevin D. Bean +  
*Organist and Choirmaster:* Donald Butt  
*Audio-Visual:* Kelli Scott  
*Readers:* TBD



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