



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 23, 2020**

**OPENING SENTENCE**

**Officiant:** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

**Officiant:** 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.*

**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.*

**ANTIPHON**

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

**Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

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 138 (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.  
When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.  
All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.  
Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.  
The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**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 forever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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*People:* Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM: "My hope is built on nothing less"**

**Susan Hollinger**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
In Him, my righteousness, alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON: "Safe on the solid rock I stand"**

**Reverend Georgia DuBose**

### **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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.*

### **SUFFRAGES "B" (Spoken by Whole Verse)**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance; \*

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you; \*

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today; \*

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy; \*

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope; \*

And we shall never hope in vain.

### **COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Officiant and People:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

### **A PRAYER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may

suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

#### **COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

#### **A PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE**

**Officiant and People:** O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (Moment of Silence)**

#### **A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS**

**Officiant and People:** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

#### **BLESSING**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **DISMISSAL**

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email [gdubose@gmail.com](mailto:gdubose@gmail.com) or phone (304) 839-1124.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

David Murray  
Russell & Lula  
John Henry Dale & Patricia Engel  
Bishop Susan Goff  
Dennis Gunther  
Bob Sabath  
Joni Knowles  
The Mikoly Family  
Eunice Spence  
Tom Motheral  
Frank Archibald  
Kathy  
Rick Dawson  
Candi & Taylor

The Fairweather Family  
Chris  
Mike  
Tyler Gore  
Gwenivere Black  
Kevin Gile  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*