



MORNING PRAYER

*August 16, 2020*

*Sunday of Ordinary Time, Proper 15; 9:30(EST)*

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

At Mission Farm, Killington



### Opening Sentence

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:1*

### Confession

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*Officiant and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen

### Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst:

*People* O come let us worship.

Venite

*Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; \*

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

*Officiant* The Holy One is in our midst:

*People* O come let us worship.

# The Psalm

## Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## Lessons

### *Reader: A reading Genesis 45:1-15*

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to

poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Here ends the reading.

## Canticle 12

### A Song of Creation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains  
and hills, and all that grows upon the earth,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord  
Sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord,  
Sing praise and give honor for ever.

### *Music*

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28**

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Here ends the reading.

### *Reflection*

### The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

### *Proper 15*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *Officiant and People:*

#### *A Collect for Guidance*

**Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### *For People Facing Uncertainty*



God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us all as we wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen.  
(edited excerpt From: "A New Zealand Prayer Book.")

*\*\*Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are invited at this time\*\*.*

*Officiant*

God of Love and mercy, hear our prayer.

*Officiant and People*

O God,  
the well-spring of life,  
pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,  
that refreshed by you,  
we may live this day in steadfast reliance on the strength you give;  
Through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

**Concluding Sentence**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.  
*Ephesians 3:20,21*