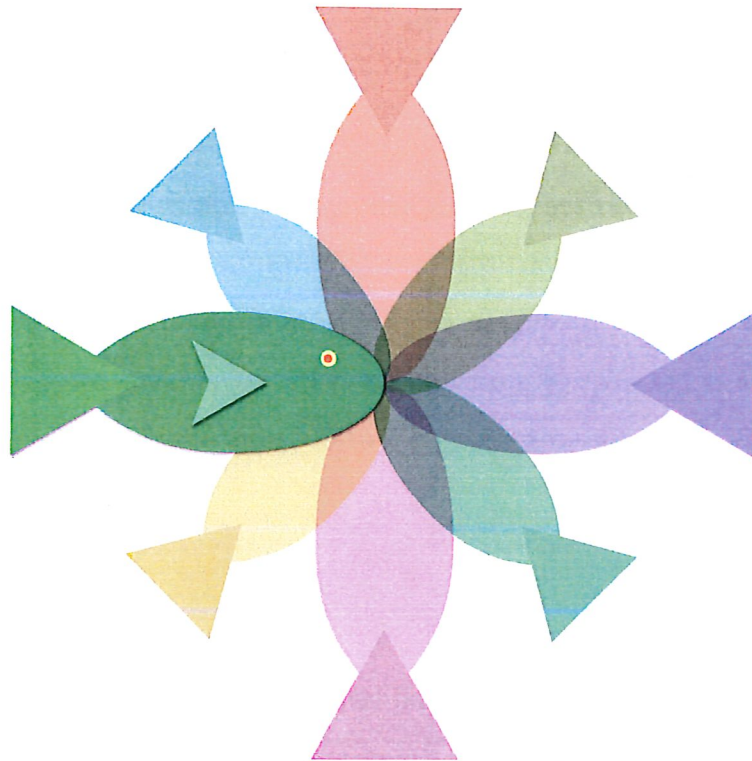


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MORNING PRAYER II
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 23, 2020



United in Christ

"How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together
in unity."

~Psalm 133:1

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Opening Acclamation

(BCP Page 78)

Officiant

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. ~ *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 79)

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

(BCP Page 80)

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 and Psalter

(BCP Pages 80-81)

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.*

Pause.

Officiant:

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

Jubilate Psalm 100

(BCP Pages 82-83)

Officiant and People

*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.*

Psalm 124

(BCP Page 781)

Officiant and People

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *

let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *

when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *

and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters *

have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

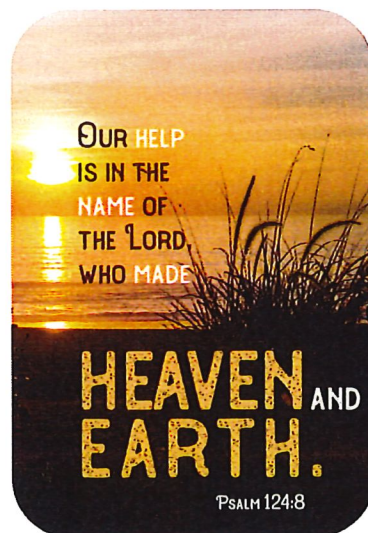
7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and 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 Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,



1. cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
2. in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-per-ual mel-o-dy;
3. with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
4. what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
5. laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,



1. ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
2. God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
3. and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
4. and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
5. One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

A Reading from 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.

Officiant The word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

(Hymn 522)



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;
2. See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re - deem - er's blood!



1. he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
2. well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
3. for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
4. Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



1. on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
2. Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
3. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and shade by day,
4. 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to reign as kings:



1. With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
3. safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
4. and as priests, his sol - emn prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

...so in Christ we,
though many,



FORM ONE BODY,
and each member
belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5, NIV

A Reading from Matthew 16:13-20

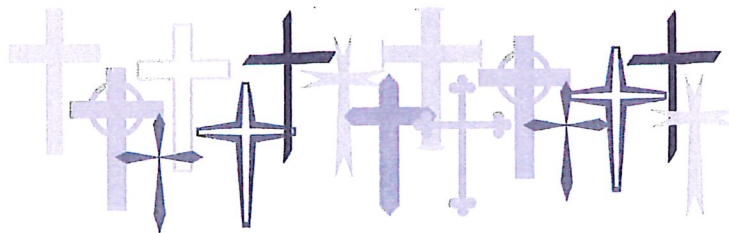
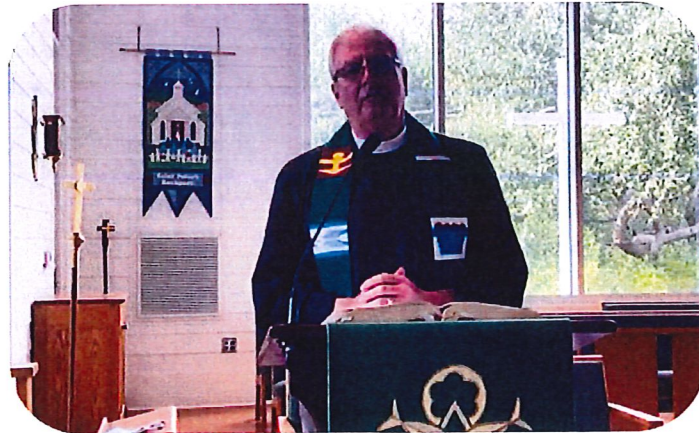
When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "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.*

A Reflection

The Reverend Jim Friedel



Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*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

(BCP Page 97)

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.*

Suffrage A

(BCP Page 97-98)

- 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: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~Proper 16 (BCP Page 232)

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.*

A Prayer For the Unity of the Church

(BCP Page 255)

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



A Collect of Thanksgiving for the Mission of the Church

(BCP Page 838)

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. *Amen.*

A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Officiant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Offertory

(BCP Page 376)

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Officiant and People

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Hymn: The Church Is One Foundation

(Hymn #525)



1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord; she
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed, by
4. Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war she
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, and



1. is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word: from
2. char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one
3. schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed; yet
4. waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more; till
5. mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won. O



1. heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with
2. ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and
3. saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and
4. with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed, and
5. hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we like



1. his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3. soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4. the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5. them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant

(BCP Page 102)

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



ALL THINGS
BRIGHT
AND BEAUTIFUL



Nature's beauty in Diana Severino-Saxon's yard



Hello from Ron & Kathryn Hamby in Alexandria, MN on Lake Ida. This picture was taken after Ron caught this large handsome Walleye. This bad boy was 28" long.



Sweetie and Tink are supervising their mom's (Myra Kline) gardening.