



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER
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August 29

Morning Prayer Service

10:30 am

Saint Patrick Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koevering, Bishop

The Rev. Chris Brannock, Priest in Charge

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Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, "Lord, open our lips"), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles' Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

- Using a sacred space or home altar can add a positive and spiritually centered connection to the service. For more information on creating altars and sacred spaces, please visit our "Worship at Home" webpage and scroll to the resources at the bottom.
- As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence
- We will be uploading this service to our "Worship at Home" page at 10:30 am on Sunday. It will also be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Blest Are They

Gather #659

Verses 1-3:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled.

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Blest are they, the lowly ones,  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,  
They shall have their fill.

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Blest are they who show mercy,
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!

Refrain:

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are placed below each staff. The first staff contains the lyrics "Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,". The second staff contains "ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!". The third staff contains "Yours is the king-dom of God!".

Verses 4 & 5:

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
The glory of God is theirs.

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Blest are you who suffer hate,  
All because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom  
shine for all to see

## OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 78

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

## CONFSSION OF SIN

BCP 79

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

All: **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.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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. Alleluia**

## ANTIPHON

BCP 81

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

## JUBILATE

*Psalm 100*

BCP 82

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:

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

1. Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
2. Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
3. There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
4. In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
5. He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
6. He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
7. Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*The people are seated for the readings and the Psalm.*

#### **FIRST LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,  
 almighty God and Father,  
**we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take away the sin of the world:  
**have mercy on us;**  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
**receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
**Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SECOND LESSON****James 1:17-27**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
**call upon him when he draws near.**  
 Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
**and the evil ones their thoughts;**  
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
**and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**  
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
**so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**  
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
**and return not again, but water the earth,**  
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
**seed for sowing and bread for eating,**  
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
**it will not return to me empty;**  
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
**and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

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****Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
 but their hearts are far from me;  
 in vain do they worship me,  
 teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## MEDITATION HYMN

## "Deep Within"

Gather 399

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first two staves contain the lyrics "Deep with - in" and "I will plant my law," followed by "not on stone," and "but in your heart." The third staff contains "Fol - low me," "I will bring you back," and "you will." The fourth staff contains "be my own, and I will be your God." The fifth staff contains three numbered options: 1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -; 2. Seek my face, and see your all; 3. Re - turn to me, with your D.C. The final staff concludes with "in you, for I will be your strength. God, for I will be your hope. heart, and I will bring you back."

Deep with - in                    I will plant my law,  
 not on stone,                    but in your heart.

Fol - low me,                    I will bring you back,                    you will

be my own, and I will be your God.

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spir - it with -  
 2. Seek my face, and see your all  
 3. Re - turn to me, with your D.C.

in you, for I will be your strength.  
 God, for I will be your hope.  
 heart, and I will bring you back.

## THE APOSTLES'S CREED

BCP 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 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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.**

## SUFFRAGE B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

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 Collect for the Renewal of Life

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

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 our selves 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.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Officiant concludes with the following:

EPHESIANS 3:20,21

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**

## CLOSING HYMN

## "Canticle of the Turning"

## Gather #556

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Verse

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wonderous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sign on your servants plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.