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# **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Morning Prayer Rite Two

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## **PRELUDE**

**OPENING HYMN** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (please refrain from singing)*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### VERSICLE

*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. Alleluia.

### ANTIPHON

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

### INVITATORY

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: 78:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.  
<sup>3</sup>That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

<sup>4</sup>We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.

<sup>5</sup>He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;

<sup>6</sup>That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

<sup>7</sup>So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments.

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

**FIRST READING:** JOSHUA 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3a</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.’

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” <sup>23</sup>He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, “The

LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**CANTICLE**

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Officiant and People*

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.

### **THIRD READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13**

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**

### **SALUTATION**

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

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

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **SUFFRAGES B**

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

### **FIRST COLLECT**

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.*

*Lay Leader and People*

### **A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

O God, our heavenly Father, we pray for those whose lives are spent in teaching, learning and other service in our schools, colleges and universities. Hear our prayer for those who lives are dedicated to the care and continued knowledge of youth. Protect our youth and their families as they return home each day. Grant both students and teachers strength and courage to carry them

through their tasks, keep them strong in mind and body for the constant demands of their important calling.

*Lay Leader and People*

### **PRAYER FOR ST. MATTHEW'S**

Heavenly Father, Pour down you Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your Glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service, so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.***

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: especially;[ ] and for those celebrating anniversaries: [ ]

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For those members of St. Matthew's who are ill or for whom our prayers have been requested, and those whose names are on our parish intercession list and for those whose names were added this week, and for those now mentioned either silently or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For the Church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Martin, the Bishop of West Missouri, the St. Matthew's Vestry, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

For all affected by the Coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For those in positions who serve the public. Grant them wisdom, patience, strength, and protection as they serve the public need.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer***

Bless scientists and researchers around the world as they combat the virus, that their work may yield knowledge to develop a vaccine, treatments, and improved measures to reduce its spread.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We intercede for those in whom we entrust the governance of this land. We pray especially for Donald, our president; our elected representatives; the courts; and all in positions of authority. We remember the men and women of our armed forces serving at home or abroad, especially those in harm's way and those recovering from injury. We commend our nation to your care as we strive for greater racial justice. Turn our hearts to honor one another's dignity that we might prioritize your purposes and work for the well-being of the vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Lay Leader and People*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

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**

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.*

#### **CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

#### **CLOSING HYMN *Rejoice! rejoice, believers***

Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!

## **POSTLUDE**