
Morning Prayer

The Commemoration of Catherine of Genoa

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

– *Psalm 19:14*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All 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.

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

OPENING VERSICLE AND DOXOLOGY

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People And your glory all the day long.

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

INVITATORY PSALM

Psalm 100

Reader 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 OF THE DAY

Psalm 86:3-12

Reader Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.
Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.
All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your Name.
For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your Name for evermore.

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

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1:10-16

Reader A reading from Zephaniah.

“On that day,” says the LORD, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.
The inhabitants of the Mortar wail, for all the traders have perished;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
‘The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.’
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 12

Song of the Three, Part I

Reader 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.
Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
 drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
 sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
 O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, 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.

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

SECOND LESSON

John 15:5-17

Reader A reading from John.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another."

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

CANTICLE B

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22

Reader A Song of Pilgrimage.

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young,
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her,
and I will seek her to the end.
From first blossom to early fruit,
she has been the delight of my heart.
My foot has kept firmly to the true path,
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.
I inclined my ear a little and received her;
I found for myself much wisdom and become adept in her.
To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory,
for I have resolved to live according to her way.
From the beginning I gained courage from her,
therefore I will not be forsaken.
In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her,
therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language,
and with it will I offer praise to God.

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

REFLECTION

The Officiant offers or facilitates a brief reflection. Silence may be kept.

APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant I believe in God,
All **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

LORD'S PRAYER

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

SUFFRAGES

Reader Help us, O God our Savior;

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

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away.

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

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

I invite your prayers for those in need of sustaining prayer, including:

Ed Beverly, Cordelia Brown, Donna Cillette, Joy Crawford, Margie Deeb, Asha Dhanarajan, Kathryn Ellis, Bill Fleming Sr., Christine Franklin, Mary Gaines, Carol Gilhuly, Cheryl Herman, Anna Herold, Nan Keils, Mark Klein, Julia Lenhard, Karen Mason, Cy Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma

McCrary, **Joe** Miller, **Gus** Mondalek, **Pamla** Moore, **Deana** Peck, **Carl** Pfadt, **Lori** Riggen, **Parker** Roberts, **Bill** Solomon, **Lisa** Staif, **Rosewitha** Wallace, **Karen** White

I invite your prayers for those in special need, including:

Pat Ald, **Genet** Barthwell, **Barbara** Baseley, **Ellie** Collard, **Tim** Cook, **David** Dieter, **Vincent** Faust, **Hope** Hoffman, **Lauren** Keils, **Philip** Keils, **JoAnn** Kelly, **Doris** Landrum, **Arnold** Matthews, **Jane** McFeely, **Jonathon** Moon, **Kathleen** S., **Marilyn** Shahly, **Len** St. Jean, **Jason** Thomas, **Mimi** Van Scoter, **Megan** White, and those we now name.

I invite your prayers for those who have died, including Raymond Deeb and Dan Fead.

Other Intercessions are offered and silence is kept.

Then the Officiant offers the Collect of the Day, saying

Officiant 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.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,
All 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 SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

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