St. Francis of Assisi
Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer - The Season after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
A musical voluntary may precede the service.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

THE OPENING HYMN #411 (all verses)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
3 He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
4 He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
2 Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
4 He healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
5 And like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
   whose grace hath made thee whole,
   whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
   O bless the Lord, my soul!
The Opening Sentence

The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.

Officiant “I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.” (Psalm 145:5-6)

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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.

Priest

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

All stand.

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.
Hymn 399 (all verses)

1 To God with gladness sing, your Rock and Savior bless;
   into his temple bring your songs of thankfulness! O God of might, to
   world to birth! O God Most High, we makes all one! O Dove of peace, on

2 He cradles in his hand the heights and depths of earth; he made the sea and land, he brought the Son, your voice in homage raise to him who makes all one! O Dove on

3 Your heavenly Father praise, acclaim his only Son, your voices raise to him who makes all one! O Dove on
All sit.

**THE PSALM  Psalm 145:1-8**

All

1. I will exalt you, O God my King, * and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2. Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * there is no end to his greatness.

4. One generation shall praise your works to another * and shall declare your power.

5. I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty * and all your marvelous works.

6. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, * and I will tell of your greatness.

7. They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; * they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

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.
Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

After the reading,

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Hymn 679 (all verses)

1 Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear. For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salt-might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with variation’s living spring; in the day of your defeat you have come to dwell, in your very midst, the liverrance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

2 Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted fear. For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salt-might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with variation’s living spring; in the day of your defeat you have come to dwell, in your very midst, the liverrance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

3 And I shall bless his名称 in the让它 dwell. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salt-might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with variation’s living spring; in the day of your defeat you have come to dwell, in your very midst, the liverrance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

4 For the Lord has comforted me; he has gathered up all my tears in his bottle; he has counted them, yet they are known to him. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salt-might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with variation’s living spring; in the day of your defeat you have come to dwell, in your very midst, the liverrance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.
Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well -- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

After the reading,

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
The Sequence Hymn 9 (verses 4-6)

*1 Not here for high and holy things we render thanks to
*2 the royal robes of autumn moors, the golden gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love undimmed, unyielding still through
4 Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give again, what God hath given

1 thee, but for the common things of earth, the
2 spring, the velvet of soft summer nights, the
3 death, the resurrec tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with diamond dew, the
5 praise; see how the giant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thyself nor count the cost; to

1 purple pageantry of dawn ing and of
2 silver glistering of all the million
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rustles
4 worlds awake to cry their bles songs on the
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
6 serve right glorious ly the God who gave all

1 dying days, the splendor of the sea,
2 million stars, the silent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.
5 Jesus come and set thy soul a blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.
Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

After the Gospel,

Deacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
The people sit.

The Homily

The Apostles Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.
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**Officiant**  Show us your mercy, O Lord;
**People**    And grant us your salvation.
**Officiant**  Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
**People**    Let your people sing with joy.
**Officiant**  Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
**People**    For only in you can we live in safety.
**Officiant**  Lord, keep this nation under your care;
**People**    And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
**Officiant**  Let your way be known upon earth;
**People**    Your saving health among all nations.
**Officiant**  Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
**People**    Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
**Officiant**  Create in us clean hearts, O God;
**People**    And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

**Leader**  With the Lord’s encouraging words still sounding in our ears, let us frame again the prayers which linger in all human hearts, saying: Hear us, O Lord.

**Leader**  We are weary of war and threats of war. Let us pray for peace in our world, saying,
**People**    Hear us, O Lord.

**Leader**  We fear for our children. Let us pray for all children, their health and well-being, saying,
**People**    Hear us, O Lord.
Leader  We are anxious about our security. Let us pray for an end to hunger and want, saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We yearn for faith in an uncertain world. Let us pray for all who preach the gospel, saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We tremble at our own vulnerability. Let us pray for the victims of illness, accident, and disaster, [include prayer lists], saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We carry worry in our hearts. Let us pray for the needs we can hardly bear to name, saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We pray for [our Bishops and Diocesan Prayer Cycle]; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We give thanks for our many blessings; for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week [including _____]; for those on our Parish Family Prayer Cycle [include names]; saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Leader  We pray for those who have died [including _____]. Give to the departed eternal rest, saying,  
People  Hear us, O Lord.

Officiant concludes

Loving God, our Father, you fashioned the human heart; you know the needs that make it ache. Hear us, your children, praying as your Son taught us. His is the name we invoke; his is the kingdom we await: Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.
The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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

Officiant

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.
THE CLOSING HYMN 551 (all verses)

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give
heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long; Lord,
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and
quick-ened by the Spirit’s power, rise up, ye saints of God!

THE DISMISSAL

A musical voluntary may be played here.

THE GRACE