

Morning Prayer

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020

Preparatory Prayer

Presider invites the people to a moment of silent prayer to prepare for the day's service.

“My sacrifice is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart .” *Psalm 51:17*

Opening Song

Confession of Sin

Presider 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.

The presider says

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.*

Responsorial Psalm

Presider Let us stand and read the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed *is* the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

³ He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

⁴The ungodly *are* not so,
But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

All say

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

Presider Please sit for the lesson.

2 Corinthians 5:11-20

11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. 12 For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sermon ([https://youtu.be/ r7Iurlz1VE](https://youtu.be/r7Iurlz1VE))

The Creed

All stand to declare

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 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 from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

Suffrages

Feel free to include specific prayers before saying the versicle (V) or take this time to pray spontaneously for the church, the world, and everything that comes to mind.

Suffrages

Father, thank You for accepting and loving us as we are, sinners. Truly Your love is unconditional. May we, the recipient of Your love, choose to receive it, live it and share it to all creation.

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

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Father, we adore Your holy and matchless Name. We declare Your wondrous works. We rejoice knowing that we have a God who keeps His covenant forever. Your faithfulness continues through all generations!

V. Day by day we bless You;

R. We praise Your Name for ever.

Father, if there are any repeating sins we have in life, call us back to serious repentance and turn away from it. We pray that you keep our eyes open and our hearts vigilant against the inferior powers of the evil one.

V. Lord keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Father, create and sustain in us a faith that cannot be shaken - a faith that is alive and active. We may not know all the answers in life, as to why we experience certain problems and trials, yet through these situations come the beauty of trusting You.

V. Lord, show us Your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in You.

Father, even though we are currently in dark times because of the pandemic, our faith clings to Your light of hope. For nothing is too hard for You; with You all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)

V. In You, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

Moment of Silence

Presider closes with the following collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, drive away 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.

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank you for all your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the 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 ourselves to your service, and by walking 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.*

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The presider may say a few words to greet the people at this point

Closing

The presider may close with one of the following:

1. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor. 13:13)
2. May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)
3. To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

Closing Song

Silent Prayer