

Morning Prayer Service

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

Preparatory Prayer

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

Psalm 43:3

“Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.”

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

Psalm 103:8-13

- ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
⁹He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
¹²As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father pities his children,
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

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

Mark 2:13-17

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. 15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. 16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sermon (<https://youtu.be/xAn07dpqgGk>)

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Please kneel if able, or sit. Let us now pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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

Let us continue with our prayers. Heavenly Father, we thank you that, regardless of our sinful hearts and selfish desires, You still choose to save us and continually sanctify us to the image of Your Son. Help us Lord to always look beyond this world, and seek the true restoration that only You can offer.

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

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Lord as we depend on your provision and protection to carry us through each day, may our thoughts, words and actions be full of thanksgiving, that those around us would also come to know You and praise you.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

Heavenly Father We long that You would be glorified in our lives. So by the power of the Holy Spirit...

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

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

We continue to pray for our country – its leaders, us its citizens, our institutions and our services, that in the midst of the troubles we are facing now, this nation would truly turn its heart to You, as our true Lord and Savior.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

Lord there is much sorrow, injustice, and suffering around us, that we are easily tempted to despair and loss hope. May Your Word constantly remind us that You still reign over all, and nothing happens apart from your good will. Remind us daily that...

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

V. We will now spend some time in silent prayer. Let us take this time to pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

Moment of Silence

Presider closes with the following collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

All together

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Closing Prayer

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.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

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)

Silent Prayer