Morning Prayer

Sundays after Pentecost *July 25, 2021*

Praise God for a time to worship Him once more! As we come before Him, let Psalm 19:14 be the prayer of our hearts which says:

"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*

Please rise for our opening song.

Opening Song

"We Praise Thee O God"

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We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died and Is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us our Savior, And scattered our night.

All glory and praise To the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.

"我讚美天父"

我讚美天父, 差遣聖子降世, 就是耶穌替我死, 今復活升天.

福氣權能榮光歸主, 是我心所願, 福氣權能榮光歸主, 百百至永遠.

我讚美救主, 賞賜我保惠師, 就是真理的聖神, 要感化我心.

我讚美聖神, 助我靠主深信, 向前跑走不回頭, 到天堂我兜.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us now take a moment of silence to confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession in Silence

The Officiant 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

Officiant Let us stand and read the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 114

¹When Israel went out of Egypt,

The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

² Judah became His sanctuary,

And Israel His dominion.

³The sea saw *it* and fled;

Jordan turned back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams,

The little hills like lambs.

⁵ What ails you, O sea, that you fled?

O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶O mountains, that you skipped like rams?

O little hills, like lambs?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,

At the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ Who turned the rock *into* a pool of water,

The flint into a fountain of waters.

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

Officiant Please sit for the lesson.

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵ And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. ⁷ Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

⁸Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

¹¹ This is a faithful saying:

For if we died with *Him*,

We shall also live with *Him*.

¹² If we endure,

We shall also reign with *Him*.

If we deny *Him*,

He also will deny us.

¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Wake Up, Church, Wake Up!

Officiant

We who belong to God's family are not simply called to idly enjoy our relationship with God but also to give others the opportunity to experience this as well. May our anthem

and message for today give us reason to rise strong with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Sermon (https://youtu.be/Fr9UTVHtyjA)

The Creed

Officiant Having completed our series on the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, let us proudly declare our identity in Christ. Rise and declare with me the Apostle's 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

O God, we are Your church. May we never forget our calling to be one, to be holy, to acknowledge our catholicity, and to continue on with our apostolic heritage.

- V. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

There is nothing more blessed than to know we are Yours. May we never fail to see this great privilege.

- 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.

We commit to you our Special Meeting today as we decide on our church's future and commit to You our plans for the coming months and the year ahead. May we ever see Your guiding hand before us.

- V. Lord, show us Your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in You.

In the midst of this seemingly unending pandemic and seeing our powerlessness against sin and the powers of this world, we cry...

- 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

Officiant 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.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

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

Closing

The Officiant may close with one of the following:

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)

Announcements

- 1. First, we would like to remind that the Special Meeting is today, July 25 2:00PM as we vote on Constitution Amendments that will affect our Vestry Election this year. Again, each person joining must have their own device and please make sure you have good internet connection.
- 2. With the threat of the Covid Delta variant rising in NCR, it is with great reluctance that we will be indefinitely postponing our resumption of face-to-face service supposedly set for next week. We ask everyone to do all you can to protect yourselves and our community by taking advantage of vaccines and following minimum health protocols so we can prevent a further spike and hopefully end this pandemic at the soonest possible time. Meanwhile, we

encourage everyone to join corporate online services hosted by our fellowships so we can at least get a sense of corporate worship which is not only essential for us but is God's desire for us in the Scriptures. Let us continue to pray that we may be relieved from this pandemic and that God's purposes will be greatly accomplished at this time.

As we go out to the world after our time of worship, may we go in the strength of the Spirit, setting our eyes on our Beautiful Savior. Let us rise for our closing song.

Closing Song "Beautiful Saviour"

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Verse

Jesus beautiful Saviour
God of all majesty risen King
(Lamb of God holy and righteous)
(Blessed Redeemer bright morning star)

Pre-Chorus
All the heavens shout Your praise
All creation bows to worship You

Chorus

How wonderful how beautiful Name above ev'ry name exalted high How wonderful how beautiful Jesus Your name name above ev'ry name Jesus

Bridge I will sing forever Jesus I love You Jesus I love You

Silent Prayer