



**Morning Prayer**  
**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**A Celebration of Father's Day**

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*And the LORD shall turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. ]Malachi 4:8]*

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

The holy and undivided Trinity, one God: **O come let us worship.**

**The Confession**

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.

**Absolution**

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 & Doxology**

O God, let our mouths proclaim your praise. **And your glory all the day long.**

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

**Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \* **and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

### **Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo***

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \* sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \* how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \* and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \* and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \* the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \* he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his love from me.

## **Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur***

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \* and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **Canticle 12: A Song of Creation**

### **Invocation**

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.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \* sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \* sing praise and give honor for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \* sing praise and give honor for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \* sing praise and give honor for ever.

### **Doxology**

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \* sing praise and give honor for ever.

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## **The First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Numbers [14:26-45]**

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: <sup>27</sup>How long shall this wicked congregation complain against me? I have heard the complaints of the Israelites, which they complain against me. <sup>28</sup>Say to them, 'As I live', says the Lord, 'I will do to you the very things I heard you say: <sup>29</sup>your dead bodies shall fall in this very wilderness; and of all your number, included in the census, from twenty years old and upwards, who have complained against me, <sup>30</sup>not one of you shall come into the land in which I swore to settle you, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. <sup>31</sup>But your little ones, who you said would become booty, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have despised. <sup>32</sup>But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup>And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup>According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you

shall bear your iniquity, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.’<sup>35</sup> I the Lord have spoken; surely I will do thus to all this wicked congregation gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die. 36 And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report about the land—<sup>37</sup>the men who brought an unfavorable report about the land died by a plague before the Lord.<sup>38</sup> But Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh alone remained alive, of those men who went to spy out the land. 39 When Moses told these words to all the Israelites, the people mourned greatly.<sup>40</sup> They rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, ‘Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.’<sup>41</sup> But Moses said, ‘Why do you continue to transgress the command of the Lord? That will not succeed.<sup>42</sup> Do not go up, for the Lord is not with you; do not let yourselves be struck down before your enemies.<sup>43</sup> For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will confront you there, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.’<sup>44</sup> But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, even though the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and Moses, had not left the camp.<sup>45</sup> Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them, pursuing them as far as Hormah.

### **The Song of Zechariah [Luke 1: 68-79]**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

### **The Second Lesson: The Gospel of Matthew [10:24-39]**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they

have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

### **The Song of Mary** *Magnificat* *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,\*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,\* and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children forever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

**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**

Hear our cry, O God. **And listen to our prayer.**

Let us pray. God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Suffrages**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

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

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

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

### **Collect of the Day**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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**

*(adapted from prayers written by Brian McLaren.)*

Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

**We thank you, living God.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop Douglas, and for all leaders of your Church.

**We thank you, living God.**

For Donald, our President, the leaders of Congress, the Supreme Court, and for all who serve our country, that they may work for justice, freedom, and peace:

**We thank you, living God.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

**We thank you, living God.**

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

**We thank you, living God.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

**We thank you, living God. \***

For challenges that call forth new strength, for failures that teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when we do not understand Your purpose:

**We thank you, living God.**

For those in special need today, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins, those who have lost their jobs, and those who have been forgotten or abandoned. For all victims of the coronavirus, for those whose lives have been devastated by racial injustice and by violence in our cities. For your mercy:

**We thank you, living God.**

For our country and all who serve on behalf of our civic life:

**We thank you, living God.**

For those who have died, especially all victims of violence and of the coronavirus, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom:

**We thank you, living God.**

For our graduates, their inquiring and discerning hearts, their courage to will and to persevere, and their joy and wonder in all your works.

**We thank you, living God.**

Our fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, stepfathers, and all the men who have mentored us and guided us along the paths of wisdom and adventure;

**We thank you, living God.**

For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

**We thank you, living God.**

And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, teacher, liberator, and friend:

**We thank you, living God.**

## **A Prayer Attributed to St Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let us sow love;**

where there is injury, **pardon;**

where there is discord, **union;**

where there is doubt, **faith;**

where there is despair, **hope;**

where there is darkness, **light;**

where there is sadness, **joy.**

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

**to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **A Prayer for those who have died from Coronavirus**

Lord, your ways are mysterious, and your purposes unknowable. But that of which we can be sure is that when we feel sorrow, you feel sorrow, too. That when we suffer, you also suffer. That when we mourn, you mourn, as well. That when our hearts are broken, so is yours. Lord, we feel that sorrow now, that suffering now, that mourning now, and our hearts are breaking now that in this nation almost 120,000 of our sisters and brothers have already been taken from us by this disease. Yet, we know that your Son who suffered death itself for us, is by our side, and shares our burden. So, Lord, comfort those who have lost, protect those who remain, and take those you have gathered into that greater light where pain, and suffering, and death itself exist no more. Amen.

## **A Prayer for an End to Racism**

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognize and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbor. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves. Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy purpose. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with compassionate understanding and unity. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



### **Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Collect for Reconciliation**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect for Fathers**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do and inlet your strength be their through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. **Amen**

### **A 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.**

**Blessing** May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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