



## **Morning Prayer**

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost      July 5, 2020    9:00am**

### **Independence Day Weekend**

### **Prayers for Our Nation**

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*For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love serve one another. [Galatians 5:13]*

The Lord our God is great. **The Lord is worthy of our praise.**

Come, let us remember the great things God has done for us.

**Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.**

Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

**May God create in us clean hearts, renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

### **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 purpose. **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**

Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise, and open our hearts in gratitude.  
**Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.**

### **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 145**

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.  
9 The Lord is loving to everyone \* and his compassion is over all his works.  
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \* and your faithful servants bless you.  
11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \* and speak of your power;  
12 That the peoples may know of your power \* and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \* your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \* and merciful in all his deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \* he lifts up those who are bowed down.  
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \* and you give them their food in due season.  
17 You open wide your hand \* and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \* and loving in all his works.  
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \* to all who call upon him faithfully.  
20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \* he hears their cry and helps them.  
21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*but he destroys all the wicked.  
22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
    let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

## **11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
    and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
    deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
    and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
    and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
    by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
    The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
    ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
    and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
    by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
    and your God will be your glory.

**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.**

## **The First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy [10:17-21]**

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is

your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

### **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 [5:43-48]**

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

### **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.**

## **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**

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the

people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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 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 Litany for Independence Day**

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

**We thank you Lord.**

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

**We thank you Lord.**

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

**We thank you Lord.**

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

**We thank you Lord.**

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

**We thank you Lord.**

Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray in their own language

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

**We pray to you Lord.**

That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

**We pray to you Lord.**

Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Prayer for our Nation**

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious and life-giving purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 over 125,000 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.**

## **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.**

### **Dismissal**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**