



**Morning Prayer**  
**Wednesday May 26, 2021**  
**Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury**  
**10 am on Zoom**

*Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.* [Matthew 24:42]

### **Opening Sentence**

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.* [Colossians 3:1]

### **Opening Prayer**

God of steadfast love: Turn our hearts to you, that we may once again delight in your goodness and rejoice in the good news of the risen Christ; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **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**

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### **Invitatory Canticle: Christ our Passover:**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \* therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \* but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \* and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \* so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### **Psalm 66:1-8**

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.

### **The First Lesson: A Reading from The Second Letter to the Corinthians [5:17-21]**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, \* not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **A Song of Faith            1 Peter [1:3-4, 18-21]**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

## **The Second Lesson: The Gospel of Luke [5:1-11]**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

## **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**

**God be with you. And also with you.**

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

**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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Collect of the Day**

**O Lord our God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst call thy servant Augustine to preach the Gospel to the English people: We pray that all whom thou dost call and send may do thy will, bide thy time, and see thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of Augustine of Canterbury**

**Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Discernment**

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Jesus, our way, our truth, and our life: As the gift of this new day unfolds, open our hearts and minds to you, that we may see you clearly and follow where you lead; to you, risen Savior, we offer praise, now and always **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Wisdom**

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Loving God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive in our world, our church and our hearts. Renew and strengthen us in the risen life we share in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

## **A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Facing the Coronavirus**

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus. May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence. May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus. Give solace to those who grieve the loss of over 585, 000 loved ones. Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Lord, Jesus Christ who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down the barriers in our community and to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world. **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**

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**