

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

*The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

November 8, 2020

**The Prelude:** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee  
It Is Well with My Soul

John Dykes, arr. Fred Bock  
Philip Bliss, arr. Fred Bock

## Words of Welcome

### The Opening Hymn: 594 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. Music: John Hughes (1873-1932)

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.*

## The Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

**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 Absolution

### The Invitatory and Psalter

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**All:** 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. Alleluia.

### Jubilate *Psalm 100*

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

*Officiant and People*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**Officiant:** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

## Canticle: A Song of the Love of Wisdom

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

*Read in unison.*

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom. 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

Wisdom 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle: A Song of God's Love *1 John 4:7-11*

*Officiant and People*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love. In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another. For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

### The Second Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater(1823-1907), alt.

Music: Welsh hymn melody (1865).

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

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 Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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 B

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: **We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Collects

*The Officiant prays a series of Collects.*

## The Collect for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Parish Prayers and Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Please read together the names on our list, when prompted.*

Together we pray for: **Anne, Bill, Bill, Caroline, Courtney, David, Deanna, Heather, Hilary, Jean, Jean, Jerry, Jim, Jim, Joe, Joe, Mason, Matthew, Pat, Rock, Sandy, Vern.**

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings

of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### **The Closing Hymn: 676 There Is a Balm in Gilead**

BALM IN GILEAD

*Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

*Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, 'He died for all.'

*Refrain*

Text and Music: An African-American Spiritual.

### **The Exchange of the Peace**

**The Postlude:** Vestiva i colli

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Players