

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Morning Prayer

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Opening Sentence

Enriching Our Worship, p. 19

Officiant God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 19-20

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence is observed.

All 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.

Officiant 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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm 95:1-7

Enriching Our Worship, p. 21

The Invitatory psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Officiant Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.
Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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Psalm 149

Psalter for the Christian People, p. 198

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing praise to God in the congregation of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their Sovereign.
Let them praise God's name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to the LORD with timbrel and harp.
For the LORD takes pleasure in the chosen people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their rulers in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Lector Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Response: The Song of Zechariah

Enriching Our Worship, pp. 27-28

Read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us,
 To show mercy to our forebears, *
and to remember your holy covenant.
 This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
 To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Preacher Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Preacher Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Apostles' Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 96

Please stand, as able and comfortable.

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People And listen to our prayer.

Officiant Let us pray.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

Enriching Our Worship, p. 42

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 Collects (Prayers)

Collect of the Day

Officiant Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Labor Day

Book of Common Prayer, p. 261

Officiant Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

Officiant God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather,

unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Written by Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry and Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Elizabeth Eaton. In addition to expressing a shared desire for renewal in a troubling time, the collect also commemorates nearly 20 years of full communion between The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To be prayed through September 20-

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

The people offer their prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud or using the chat feature on Facebook.

The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 101

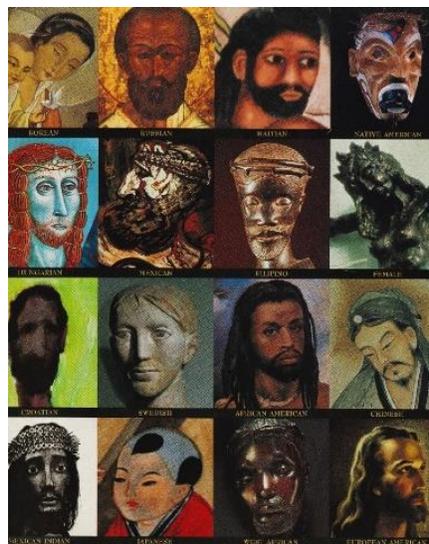
All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant 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 God, 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.



1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
 all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
 man - kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Concluding Blessing

Officiant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift in love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

The hymn this week is a gift of Bill and Dottie Hagar.

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba - Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the North Shore Deanery: St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; and St. John's Church, Gloucester.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:
Jack & Grace Murphy and William & Marjorie Bahlke by Jeff & Barbara Murphy
Flowers of thanksgiving for Paul and Isabel from Bob Nickerson

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for First Parish Unitarian-Universalist.

Your prayers are requested for Bob C Sr., John, James, Nick M., Gayle, Walter, Bob, Patsy, Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Bob, Susan, Steve, James, Cynthia, Chuck, Mark, Bill, Ruth, Linda, all singers and instrumentalists whose ministry is vital at this time, Marianne and family, and Linda Evans. We ask that you give all cancer fighters comfort in their suffering, shrinking and destroying all cancerous tumors according to your will. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Steve Sussman, Piano

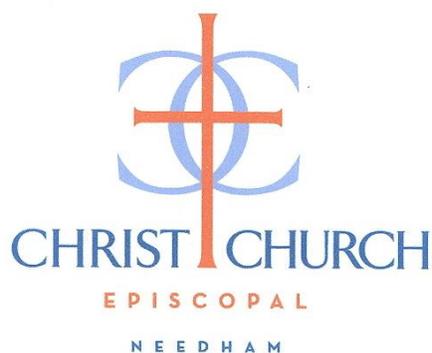
Vocalists: Lea Peterson, Grant Furgiuele, Mark Anderson

And others to be named on air!

If you are interested in assisting during virtual worship, please email the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

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