

Morning Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

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Psalm from the Saint Helena Breviary

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Hymn 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
Give God all praise and glory;
Let all who own His power proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
For Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

*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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

*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!*

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: *Come let us adore him.*

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

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.

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God, all the whole earth.

2 Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

3 Declare God's glory among the nations *
God's wonders among all peoples.

4 For God is great and greatly to be praised; *
more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is God who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to God honor and power.

8 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.

9 Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.

10 [Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
and will judge the peoples with equity.]

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God, who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.

13 God will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with truth.]

*Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and
Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.*

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your

name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

20 Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Hymn 377

All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;

we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sermon

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Then Jesus said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” What things belong to God? Everything belongs to God. In Genesis, it says that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” God took a void, called chaos, and created what we know to be our earthly home. God created plants, animals, humans, metals, earths, everything. God created us and saved us from ourselves in the life, death and resurrection of God’s son, Jesus Christ. We owe everything to God. The amazing thing is that God continues to give us everything we need: love, mercy, comfort, forgiveness, friends, family, pets, shelter, food without asking for a single penny. This makes sense, since even that single penny belongs to God. What God does hope for is that we return God’s love with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength. God wants a relationship with us. God wants to hear what we think we need when we ask for things in prayer. God wants to spend time with us in meditation and during the crazy times of our lives. God wants to hear of our joys, our sorrows, our questions, our perplexities, our hatreds, our loves, our everything. God really does care even when we feel that God doesn’t. God is always present for us.

So.....during the next stewardship campaign, return to God what belongs to God. Return your time, talent and treasure to the place where you know that God’s work on earth is being done, where God’s love is returned to God and our neighbor. Honor God with “all that you are, and with all that you have” (from BCP marriage service during the exchange of rings)

And, when you vote this year, honor God by voting for someone who will follow closely the words of our Baptismal Covenant: “to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” (BCP p.305)

Let us love God with our entire being and love our neighbor as Jesus loves us. Let us be Jesus hands, feet and voice in our world so that it will be a better world for us and for our children. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

*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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</i>	<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.</i>
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*Give us this day our daily bread. Give us today our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those as we forgive those
 who trespass against us. who sin against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, Save us from the time of trial,
 but deliver us from evil. and deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, For the kingdom, the power,
 and the power, and the glory, and the glory are yours,
 for ever and ever. Amen. now and for ever. Amen.*

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. *And grant us your salvation.*
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. *Let your people sing with joy.*
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. *For only in you can we live in safety*
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. *Your saving health among all nations.*
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Social Justice

Almighty God, who has created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings at this time, either silently or aloud.

Silence.

2. A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded:
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone
Calls my heart to be His own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust:
Though with care and toil we build them,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep His wisdom, passing thought:
Splendor, light and life attend Him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store
Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow.
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at His hand;
Joy doth wait on His command.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ, His Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14