

Daily Morning Prayer

Friday, November 21, 2025

**Friday after the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, or the Twenty-second
Sunday after Trinity (Proper 28)
Season After Pentecost (green)**

Opening Sentence

Thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

— ISAIAH 57:15

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not
to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A Deacon or layperson remains kneeling and prays

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Preces

The Preces

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;

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

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise the Lord.

People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Invitatory

Venite

O Come

Officiant and People, all standing

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God *
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
 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.

The following verses may be omitted.

Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *
 as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,
When your fathers tested me, *
 and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, *
 “It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,”
Of whom I swore in my wrath *
 that they should not enter into my rest.

— Psalm 95:1-7, 8-11

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Psalms

The Psalms Appointed

Sixty Day Cycle

Psalm 56

Miserere mei, Deus

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O God, for my adversaries are treading me down; *
 they are daily fighting and troubling me.
² My enemies go about hounding me daily, *
 for there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

- ³ Nevertheless, though I am sometimes afraid, *
yet I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God whose word I praise, in God I trust and fear not, *
for what can flesh do to me?
- ⁵ They daily distort my words; *
all that they imagine is to do me evil.
- ⁶ They all gather together and lie in wait, *
and mark my steps, while they seek after my life.
- ⁷ Shall they escape despite their wickedness? *
O God, in your displeasure cast them down.
- ⁸ You record my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle. *
Are not these things noted in your book?
- ⁹ Whenever I call upon you, then shall my enemies be put to flight; *
this I know, for God is on my side.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, *
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- ¹¹ In God have I put my trust; *
I will not be afraid, for what can mortals do to me?
- ¹² Unto you, O God, will I pay my vows; *
unto you will I give thanks.
- ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, *
that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

Psalm 57

Miserere mei, Deus

- ¹ Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul trusts in you, *
and under the shadow of your wings shall be my refuge, until this tribulation has passed.
- ² I will call unto the Most High God, *
even unto the God who shall fulfill his purpose for me.
- ³ He shall send from heaven and save me; he shall confound those who trample on me. *
God shall send forth his mercy and truth.
- ⁴ My soul is among lions that devour the people; *
their teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
- ⁵ Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; *
let your glory be over all the earth.
- ⁶ They have laid a net for my feet, and brought down my soul; *
they dug a pit before me, but have fallen into the midst of it themselves.
- ⁷ My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; *
I will sing and give praise.
- ⁸ Awake, my soul; awake, lute and harp; *
I myself will awaken the dawn.

⁹ I will give thanks unto you, O Lord, among the peoples, *
and I will sing praises unto you among the nations.

¹⁰ For the greatness of your mercy reaches unto the heavens, *
and your truth unto the clouds.

¹¹ Exalt yourself, O God, above the heavens; *
let your glory be over all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

The First Lesson

Judith 15

A reading from the Book of Judith, beginning with the fifteenth chapter, the first verse

¹⁵ When the men in the tents heard it, they were amazed at what had happened.

² Overcome with fear and trembling, they did not wait for one another, but with one impulse all rushed out and fled by every path across the plain and through the hill country. ³ Those who had camped in the hills around Bethulia also took to flight. Then the Israelites, everyone that was a soldier, rushed out upon them.

⁴ Uzziah sent men to Betomasthaim and Choba and Kola, and to all the frontiers of Israel, to tell what had taken place and to urge all to rush out upon the enemy to destroy them. ⁵ When the Israelites heard it, with one accord they fell upon the enemy, and cut them down as far as Choba. Those in Jerusalem and all the hill country also came, for they were told what had happened in the camp of the enemy. The men in Gilead and in Galilee outflanked them with great slaughter, even beyond Damascus and its borders. ⁶ The rest of the people of Bethulia fell upon the Assyrian camp and plundered it, acquiring great riches.

⁷ And the Israelites, when they returned from the slaughter, took possession of what remained. Even the villages and towns in the hill country and in the plain got a great amount of booty, since there was a vast quantity of it. ⁸ Then the high priest Joakim and the elders of the Israelites who lived in Jerusalem came to witness the good things that the Lord had done for Israel, and to see Judith and to wish her well. ⁹ When they met her, they all blessed her with one accord and said to her, "You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the great boast of Israel, you are the great pride of our nation!" ¹⁰ You have done all this with your own hand; you have done great good to Israel, and God is well pleased with it. May the Almighty Lord bless you forever!" And all the people said, "Amen." ¹¹ All

the people plundered the camp for thirty days. They gave Judith the tent of Holofernes and all his silver dinnerware, his beds, his bowls, and all his furniture. She took them and loaded her mules and hitched up her carts and piled the things on them.¹² All the women of Israel gathered to see her, and blessed her, and some of them performed a dance in her honor. She took ivy-wreathed wands in her hands and distributed them to the women who were with her;¹³ and she and those who were with her crowned themselves with olive wreaths. She went before all the people in the dance, leading all the women, while all the men of Israel followed, bearing their arms and wearing garlands and singing hymns.¹⁴ Judith began this thanksgiving before all Israel, and all the people loudly sang this song of praise.

Here ends the Reading.

First Canticle

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We Praise You, O God

The following Canticle is sung or said, all standing

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; *
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, *
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, *
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you. *
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. *
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, *
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory, *
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free *
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death *
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. *
We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, *
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints *
to glory everlasting.

The following verses may be omitted

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*
govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you; *
we praise your Name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin; *
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy, *
for we have put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope; *
let us never be put to shame.

Second Reading

The Second Lesson

Acts 19:8-20

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the nineteenth chapter, the eighth verse

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon

them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

BENEDICTUS

The Song of Zechariah

The following Canticle is sung or said, all standing

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.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his 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 in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

— LUKE 1:68-79

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

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 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 with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel or stand.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

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.

The Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness
People **And let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant O Lord, save your people
People **And bless your inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect(s) of the Day

Collect of the Day

Friday after the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, or the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 28)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Additional Collects

A Collect for Endurance

Friday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

Amen.

Intercessions, Thanksgivings, and Praise

The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

Final Prayers

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.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.

Dismissal

Dismissal and Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.

— EPHESIANS 3:20-21