

Evening Prayer from The Book of Common Prayer
The 22nd Sunday After Trinity

Welcome

- 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good
grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

Dearly beloved brethren,
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to
acknowledge and confess our manifold sins
and wickedness; and that we should not
dissemble nor cloak them before the face of
almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly,
penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we
may obtain forgiveness of the same by his
infinite goodness and mercy.
And although we ought at all times humbly to
acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought
we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble
and meet together to render thanks for the
great benefits that we have received at his
hands, to set forth his most worthy praise,
to hear his most holy word, and to ask those
things which are requisite and necessary,
as well for the body as the soul.
Wherefore I pray and beseech you,
as many as are here present, to accompany
me with a pure heart, and humble voice,

unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying
after me:

All **Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O
God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his
sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy
holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his
wickedness and live; and hath given power,
and commandment, to his ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being
penitent, the absolution and remission of their
sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that
truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy
gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant
us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do
at this present; and that the rest of our life
hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the
last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips
All **and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**
O God, make speed to save us.
All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen.**
Praise ye the Lord.
All **The Lord's name be praised**

Psalm 82

1 God standeth in the congregation of princes *he
is a Judge among gods.
2 How long will ye give wrong judgement *
and accept the persons of the ungodly?
3 Defend the poor and fatherless *
see that such as are in need and necessity have
right.
4 Deliver the out-cast and poor *
save them from the hand of the ungodly.
5 They will not be learned nor understand, but
walk on still in darkness *
all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, Ye are gods *
and ye are all the children of the most Highest.
7 But ye shall die like men *
and fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth *
for thou shalt take all heathen to thine
inheritance.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be :world without end. Amen

Old Testament Reading Judges 7:2-22

² And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that
are with thee are too many for me to give the
Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt

themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand
hath saved me.
³ Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the
people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid,
let him return and depart early from mount Gilead.
And there returned of the people twenty and two
thousand; and there remained ten thousand.
⁴ And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are
yet too many; bring them down unto the water,
and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be,
that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with
thee, the same shall go with thee; and of
whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go
with thee, the same shall not go.
⁵ So he brought down the people unto the water:
and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that
lapped of the water with his tongue, as a dog
lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise
every one that boweth down upon his knees to
drink.
⁶ And the number of them that lapped, putting
their hand to their mouth, were three hundred
men: but all the rest of the people bowed down
upon their knees to drink water.
⁷ And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three
hundred men that lapped will I save you, and
deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all
the other people go every man unto his place.
⁸ So the people took victuals in their hand, and
their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel
every man unto his tent, and retained those three
hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath
him in the valley.
⁹ And it came to pass the same night, that
the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto
the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.
¹⁰ But if thou fear to go down, go thou with
Phurah thy servant down to the host:
¹¹ And thou shalt hear what they say; and
afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go
down unto the host. Then went he down with
Phurah his servant unto the outside of the armed
men that were in the host.
¹² And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all
the children of the east lay along in the valley like
grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were
without number, as the sand by the sea side for
multitude.
¹³ And when Gideon was come, behold, there was
a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said,
Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of
barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and
came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and
overturned it, that the tent lay along.

¹⁴ And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: for into his hand hath God delivered Midian, and all the host.

¹⁵ And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

¹⁶ And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

¹⁷ And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

¹⁸ When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

¹⁹ So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

²⁰ And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.

²¹ And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

²² And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath.

Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his
servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham
and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be : world without end. Amen.

New Testament Reading

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved
you: continue ye in my love.

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in
my love; even as I have kept my Father's
commandments, and abide in his love.

¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my
joy might remain in you, and that your joy might
be full.

¹² This is my commandment, That ye love one
another, as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man
lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I
command you.

¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the
servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I
have called you friends; for all things that I have
heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

¹⁶ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,
and ordained you, that ye should go and bring
forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that
whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name,
he may give it you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, that ye love one
another.

Nunc dimittis

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in
peace :
according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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

The Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon
thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth
for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect of the Day

LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy
household the Church in continual godliness;
that through thy protection it may be free
from all adversities, and devoutly given to
serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy
name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good
counsels,

and all just works do proceed;

give unto thy servants that peace which the
world cannot give;

that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy
commandments,

and also that, by thee,

we being defended from the fear of our
enemies

may pass our time in rest and quietness;

through the merits of Jesus Christ our
Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O
Lord;

and by thy great mercy defend us

from all perils and dangers of this night;

for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Homily

Prayers

Hymn

1

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,

The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His name;
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

3

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succor trust.

4

Oh, make but trial of His love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.

5

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

All **Amen.**