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**Morning Prayer
The Sundays after Pentecost**

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The Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* **H 470**

The Invitatory

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

Officiant: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God: Come let us adore him.

People: Come let us adore him.

Venite (*Said in unison*) *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *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. *Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

A Reading from Exodus (19:2-8a)

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob,

and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God.**

The Response

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.

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.

A Reading from Romans (5:1-8)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

The Hymn *(standing) Spirit of the living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

(Sung twice)

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (9:35-10:8)

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. The Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God**

The Homily Rev. Kit Brinson

The Apostles' Creed *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 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.

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 - 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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Church

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Nation

Lord, God Almighty, you have made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of this country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Let us once more cast our cares upon the Lord, saying, **To God be glory forever and ever.***

For the church of God, especially members who share in Christ's suffering, that the glory of the Lord might be revealed, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For the world so loved by God, that the power of God's grace working in us might restore the beauty of its created image, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For those who glorify God in simple, hidden and faith-filled ways, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For this local community, that the coming of the Spirit might find us steadfast in prayer and strong in love, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For all in pain and those who suffer, especially, Chris, Stephen, Barbara, Tim, Madelyn, Dan, Johnny, Gloria, Tasha, Joey, Keith, Chandler, Donna, Mitch, Jeanette, Una, Steven, Linda, Marcia, Larry, Alyssa, Jim, Tina, Greg, Denny, Carol, Vicky, Tristan, Rachel, Freddy, James and family, Tifani and Leland, Faye, Jerry, Jackie, Teresa, Shaun, Norene, Sandra, C.J., Andrea, Lonnie, Allen, Michelle, Sam, Frances, Bill, David, Jean, Zachary, Judy, Diane, Lauren, Barb, and Shary, that they might be brought beyond their trouble into the Spirit's peace, we pray: **To God be glory forever and ever.**

For all in their sorrow, especially the family and friends of Kirk, Bill, Lindsay, Joe, John, Beth, Linda, Guy, Janiece, Bobbie, Maurice, and Pat, that your grace and love may bring them comfort and the departed will find peace in you, we pray: ***To God be glory forever and ever.***

The Closing Collect

Good and gracious God, you do infinitely more for us than all we can ask or even imagine. Hear these prayers; be our Savior again, now and forever. Amen.

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 ourselves 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

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 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.**

The Blessing and DismissalThanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn

Come, thou font of every blessing

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