



TUESDAY 2 JUNE @ 10.00 AM

Morning Prayer

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The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.



“I will sing a new song to you, my God;
on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you,
to the One who gives victory to kings,
who delivers his servant David.”

Psalm 144:9-10



Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the
world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.



Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.



Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people 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.



Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be
for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.



FIRST CANTICLE

JUBILATE Psalm 100

1 O shout to the Lord in triumph | all the | earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his | face with | songs of | joy.

2 Know that the Lord | he is | God;
it is he who has made us and we are his
we are his | people · and the | sheep of · his | pasture.

3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his | courts with | praise;
give thanks to him and | bless his | holy | name.

4 For the Lord is good
his loving mercy | is for | ever,
his faithfulness through out all | generations.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son,
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be|ginning, is | now,
and shall be for | ever. | Almen.

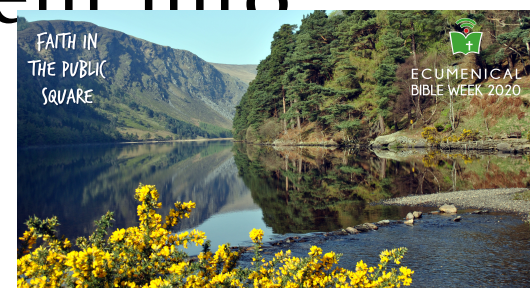


First Reading

1 Maccabees 1:20-40 (NIV)

Persecution of the Jews

20 After subduing Egypt, Antiochus returned in the one hundred forty-third year. He went up against Israel and came to Jerusalem with a strong force. 21 He arrogantly entered the sanctuary and took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils. 22 He took also the table for the bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off. 23 He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures that he found. 24 Taking them all, he went into his own land.



First Reading

He shed much blood,
and spoke with great arrogance.

25 Israel mourned deeply in every community,

26 rulers and elders groaned,
young women and young men became faint,
the beauty of the women faded.

27 Every bridegroom took up the lament;
she who sat in the bridal chamber was
mourning.

28 Even the land trembled for its inhabitants,
and all the house of Jacob was clothed with
shame.



First Reading

The Occupation of Jerusalem

29 Two years later the king sent to the cities of Judah a chief collector of tribute, and he came to Jerusalem with a large force. 30 Deceitfully he spoke peaceable words to them, and they believed him; but he suddenly fell upon the city, dealt it a severe blow, and destroyed many people of Israel. 31 He plundered the city, burned it with fire, and tore down its houses and its surrounding walls. 32 They took captive the women and children, and seized the livestock. 33 Then they fortified the city of David with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their citadel. 34 They stationed there a sinful people, men who were renegades. These strengthened their position; 35 they stored up arms and food, and collecting the spoils of Jerusalem they stored them there, and became a great menace,



First Reading

- 36 for the citadel became an ambush against the sanctuary,
an evil adversary of Israel at all times.
- 37 On every side of the sanctuary they shed innocent blood;
they even defiled the sanctuary.
- 38 Because of them the residents of Jerusalem fled;
she became a dwelling of strangers;
she became strange to her offspring,
and her children forsook her.
- 39 Her sanctuary became desolate like a desert;
her feasts were turned into mourning,
her sabbaths into a reproach,
her honor into contempt.
- 40 Her dishonor now grew as great as her glory;
her exaltation was turned into mourning.



Psalm 144

Of David.

1 Praise be to the Lord my Rock,
who trains my hands for war,
my fingers for battle.

2 He is my loving God and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.

3 Lord, what are human beings that you care for them,
mere mortals that you think of them?

4 They are like a breath;
their days are like a fleeting shadow.



Psalm 144

5 Part your heavens, Lord, and come down;
touch the mountains, so that they smoke.
6 Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy;
shoot your arrows and rout them.
7 Reach down your hand from on high;
deliver me and rescue me
from the mighty waters,
from the hands of foreigners
8 whose mouths are full of lies,
whose right hands are deceitful.



Psalm 144

9 I will sing a new song to you, my God;
on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to
you,

10 to the One who gives victory to kings,
who delivers his servant David.

From the deadly sword 11 deliver me;
rescue me from the hands of foreigners
whose mouths are full of lies,
whose right hands are deceitful.



Psalm 144

12 Then our sons in their youth
will be like well-nurtured plants,
and our daughters will be like pillars
carved to adorn a palace.

13 Our barns will be filled
with every kind of provision.
Our sheep will increase by thousands,
by tens of thousands in our fields;



Psalm 144

14 our oxen will draw heavy loads.
There will be no breaching of walls,
no going into captivity,
no cry of distress in our streets.

15 Blessed is the people of whom this is true;
blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.
Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son,
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is | now,
and shall be for | ever. | Almen.



Te Deum (Part 3)

13 Save your people, Lord, and | bless your ·
inheritance:

govern and uphold them | now and | always.

14 Day by | day we | bless you:
we | praise your | name for | ever.

15 Keep us today, Lord, | from all | sin:
have | mercy · on us, | Lord, have | mercy.

16 Lord, show us your | love and | mercy,
for we | put our | trust in | you.

17† In you, Lord, | is our | hope,
let us | never · be | put to | shame.



Galatians 1:18-2:10 (NIV)

18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 I saw none of the other apostles — only James, the Lord's brother. 20 I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.

21 Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they praised God because of me.



Galatians 1:18-2:10 (NIV)

Paul Accepted by the Apostles

2 Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. 2 I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. 3 Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. 4 This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. 5 We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.



Galatians 1:18-2:10 (NIV)

6 As for those who were held in high esteem — whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism — they added nothing to my message. 7 On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. 8 For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. 9 James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. 10 All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.



Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me
Melt me, mold me
Fill me, use me
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me



The Apostle's Creed

**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.**



The Apostle's Creed

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 of the People

The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



The Incarnate Life of Christ: Revelation and Human Knowledge

God our Father,
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ,
to share our life on earth,
to grow in wisdom,
to toil with his hands,
and to make known the ways of your kingdom.



Intercession

We pray for THE COMMUNITY

those who work ...

the unemployed ...

those in education ...

those in research ...

those in communications ...

those who maintain the life of the community



Intercession

God our Father, we give you thanks
for Christ's revelation of yourself,
his care for people,
and his joy in obedience ...
for the value he gave to human labour,
the strength he promised us for service,
the call to follow in his way ...
for all opportunities of work and of leisure,
all truth that we have learned,
and all discoveries we have made ...



Silence



Concluding Prayer

Give us deeper reverence for the truth,
and such wisdom in the use of knowledge
that your kingdom may be advanced
and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer of Ecumenical Bible Week

Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of faith
given to all believers.

Help us to follow your way,
speak your truth and demonstrate your love.

Be with us in the Public Square.
Grant us the Spirit's wisdom and discernment
in all we say and do.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:

By the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Concluding Collect

(Prayers for Racial Reconciliation and Justice ECUSA)

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer

The Lord be with you
All: and also with you.
Let us bless the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.



Prayer

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

