

MORNING PRAYER
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Miracle of the Bread and Fish, Giovanni Lanfranco, 1620-23

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sustainer of the hungry, in your compassionate love, nourish us with the words of life and bread of blessing. Calm our fears and move our hearts to feed others with the miracle of your love. Amen.

HYMN

FOR THE FRUITS OF HIS CREATION

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0He7zI7kasE&t=7s>

Lyrics in the video

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118.24

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

The Opening Canticle, A Song of Triumph (Venite)

O come, let us sing out to the Lord:

let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:

and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God:

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth:

and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it:

his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down:

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice:

'Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness;

'When your forebears tested me:

put me to proof though they had seen my works.

'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:

"It is a people who err in their hearts,

for they do not know my ways";

'Of whom I swore in my wrath:

"They shall not enter my rest."

Psalm 95

The Opening Prayer - Silence may be kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION

A pause for self-examination is taken before the confession is said.

God of all mercy,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We have wandered from your way.
We have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us,
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of your Spirit
that we may live the new life to your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son
to be the perfect offering for our sins. 1 John 4.10

PSALM 14

- 1 Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.
- 2 The Lord looked down from heaven
upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.
- 3 But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.
- 4 Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?

- 5 They shall be struck with terror:
 for God is with the company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:
 surely the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion:
 when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
 then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

After the Psalm, the following prayer is said:

God of grace, we thank you for all your gifts to us: grant us to accept both pain and joy in faith and hope, and never to fail in love to you and to our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

A reading from the second book of Samuel

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here

today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

HYMN

JESUS CALLS O'ER THE TUMULT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idAoS7at3nQ&t=37s>

Lyrics in the video

SECOND READING

John 6:1-21

A reading from the Gospel according to John

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now

dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

May your Word live in us, and bear much fruit to your glory.

SERMON

The Canticle, The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
 who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
 to save us from our enemies, from the hands of
 all who hate us,
To show mercy to our forebears:
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear:
 holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.
And you, 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 the shadow of death:
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

The Apostles' Creed is said.

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.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come 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

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Gracious God,

you have placed within the hearts of all your children
a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth:
grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent,
we may know him to be the true bread of heaven
and the food of eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.

CHORAL MUSIC

‘Sing Joyfully’ - William Byrd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6jfcFhs9Y8>

‘O sacrum convivium’ – Thomas Tallis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGgK02bwF9s>

‘Ave verum corpus’ – W. A. Mozart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXjn6srhAIY>

Intercessions

As we remember how you nourished your people with words of justice and compassion, hear us today as we pray for our world. We pray for your people in all places of suffering, violence and pain, that you may bring hope even in the darkest night. Bless those who lead in the spheres of politics, religion, and community and fill their hearts with wisdom and justice.

Give us, the people you have so richly blessed, a commitment to justice and peace for all nations; and a vision of righteousness and equality for all people in our own country.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus, living bread, taken, broken and shared for all. We pray for your church and its mission in the world. Empower by your Spirit all Christian people, and the work of your Church in every land.

As your church, we have often perpetuated the divisions Christ came to destroy. And so we pray for unity among all believers: that the Spirit of God who has brought us into the one body through baptism will inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.

We pray for our Bishop Clarence, and for the clergy and people of our Diocese. Strengthen us for service, feed and renew us that we might share in your purpose in giving life to the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for one another – for the joys and struggles of relationships that nurture us and help us to grow. Guide and enable all who lead and serve our communities and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. We pray for those whose daily need for food and shelter goes un-met. Give strength to those recovering from natural disasters and guide us to use our resources to care and nourish others, that we may share the blessing and the hope you have given us with all who hunger and thirst for a fuller life, because in you, there is more than enough.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive the prayers of your people who are troubled. Stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and for all who provide care for the needs of others.

Tend to the tired, the dying, the poor and the hungry, the lonely and the despairing, those who struggle with addiction, those trapped in situations of abuse, and those who are making difficult decisions in life, that they may know peace, comfort, and courage. We pray especially for those we know personally who are facing difficulties at this time and who we name before you now in the silence of our hearts ... Fill them, Lord, with Your healing presence.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of eternity, we give you thanks that in life and in death you hold us in your embrace.

We give you thanks for all who have followed and trusted in you, for the recently departed, for all our departed love ones and those whose Year's Mind falls at this time.

As you fed your people in ages past, feed those today who hunger for your presence and peace, and at our life's end, bring us, with all your saints, to share in your heavenly banquet.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Morning Collect

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of the 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

HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkVT805E1rM>

ORGAN POSTLUDE

'Allegro maestoso e vivace' - Felix Mendelssohn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ezv6_u2_UA8

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