



# MORNING PRAYER

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022 · 10:30 A.M.

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church · Cambridge, Massachusetts

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## PRELUDE

Composiciones á dos partes para principantes, No. 2 - A. de Cabezon (1510 – 1566)

## OPENING HYMN

*The Hymnal 1982* No. 525 The Church's one foundation

*All stand.*

*The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture.*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14, NRSV

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us remain in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

✠ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*All stand.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

*Officiant and People*

**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* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

## VENITE

*The Officiant and people read together:*

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!**

## THE PSALMS

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy  
place,\*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

May those who seek my life to destroy it \*  
go down into the depths of the earth;

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, \*  
and let them be food for jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God;  
all those who swear by him will be glad; \*  
for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be  
stopped. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

*The Lector and people say together:*

**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.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the  
sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the  
Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

#### GLORIA PATRI

*The Lector and people say together:*

**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.**

#### THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

#### THE FIRST READING

**Joshua 6: 15 -27**

On the seventh day they rose early at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times: it was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout; for the LORD has given you the city. And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction; only Rahab the harlot and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers that we sent: But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction, and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. Then they utterly destroyed all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and asses, with the edge of the sword. And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the harlot's house, and bring out from it the woman, and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." So the young men who had been spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her; and they brought all her kindred, and set them outside the camp of Israel. And they burned the city with fire, and all within it; only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. But Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive; and she dwelt in

Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. Joshua laid an oath upon them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD be the man that rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. At the cost of his first-born shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates." So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

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

**Canticle M, A Song of Faith**

**THE RESPONSE**

*The lector and the people together read following canticle.*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \*  
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;  
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \*  
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.  
The ransom that was paid to free us \*  
was not paid in silver or gold,  
But in the precious blood of Christ, \*  
the Lamb without spot or stain.  
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \*  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**THE SECOND READING**

**Acts 22: 30 – 23:11**

But on the morrow, desiring to know the real reason why the Jews accused him, he unbound him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them.

And Paul, looking intently at the council, said, "Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience up to this day." And the high priest Anani'as commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God shall strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?" Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?" And Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'" But when Paul perceived that one part were Sad'ducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead I am on trial." And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sad'ducees; and the assembly was divided. For the Sad'ducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. Then a great clamor arose; and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them and bring him into the barracks. The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified about me at Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also at Rome."

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal 1982 No. 488 Be thou my vision*

*All stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 2: 1 - 12**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the rood above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts. "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – he said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOMILY

Mr. John Kristensen

## 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*The Hymnal 1982 No. 642 Jesus, the very thought of thee*

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## THE PRAYERS

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*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.**

Suffrage A from *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Officiant*      Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*          **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant*      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People*          **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant*      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People*          **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant*      Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People*          **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant*      Let your way be known upon this earth;

*People*          **Your saving health among all nations.**

*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 sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Form V**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gayle our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially the President of the United States, the Governor of our Commonwealth, and the Mayor of our City, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the people of Ukraine and for all those whose lives are torn by war and strife, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

For those celebrating their birthdays this week: Beverly Kienzle; Charlotte Potter; Kit Rawlins; Linda Smith.

In the Saint Peter's Parish Cycle of Prayer: Becky & John Edmondson; Bill Edwards & Dodie Rees; Rosemary Feal.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield; St. Paul's Church, Malden; Grace Church, Medford; Trinity Parish, Melrose; Deputies and Alternate Deputies to General Convention.

For the sick: Athelston Alleyne, Bernadette Montasse, Kristin Torres

For whom else should we pray today? *Please lift aloud the names of those on your heart, if so moved.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Macrina of Caesarea, blessed Elizabeth Cady Stanton, blessed Amelia Bloomer, blessed Sojourner Truth, blessed Harriet Ross Tubman, blessed Maria Skobtsova, blessed Mary Magdalene, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

The General Thanksgiving

**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 loves, 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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant then concludes with the following sentence.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*The Hymnal 1982 No. 707 Take my life and let it be*

## **POSTLUDE**

Father, We Thank Thee For the Night – Flor Peters (1903 – 1986)

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