

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

THE PRELUDE	Trumpet Tune in G (Greg Schoonover, <i>trumpet</i>)	Jon Roberts (b. 1961)
THE INTROIT	Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal	arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)
THE OPENING HYMN	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	<i>Nettleton</i>

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither, by thy help, I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Kneeling, officiant and people together*)

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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*Standing*)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips. *People* ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. 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.***

CANTICLE, HYMN 644

Jubilate Deo

G.J. Elvey

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

PSALM 103:1-14 (*Standing, read in unison*)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. 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 FIRST LESSON	<i>After the reading:</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Romans 14:5-12
CANTICLE	The Call of Wisdom	Will Todd (b. 1970)
THE SECOND LESSON	<i>After the reading:</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Matthew 18:21-35

THE SERMON HYMN

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

THE SERMON

The Power of Forgiveness

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Standing, said by 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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** *All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.*

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; **and grant us thy salvation.** Endue thy ministers with righteousness; **and make thy chosen people joyful.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in thee can we live in safety.** Lord, keep this nation under thy care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.** Let thy way be known upon earth; **thy saving health among all nations.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.** Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

COLLECT FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF SEPTEMBER 11

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(Remaining kneeling, all in unison)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *(Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**)

CHORAL OFFERING

Praise Above All, For Praise Prevails

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

THE DOXOLOGY AND PATRIOTIC HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

continuing with

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 551

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise:
Field and forest, vale and mountains, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father-love is reigning o'er us, brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867)

TAPS

In memory of those whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001, please remain standing for the playing of taps.

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune
Greg Schoonover, *trumpet*

David German (1810-1873)



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of those whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001.*