# The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Morning Prayer

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10:00am



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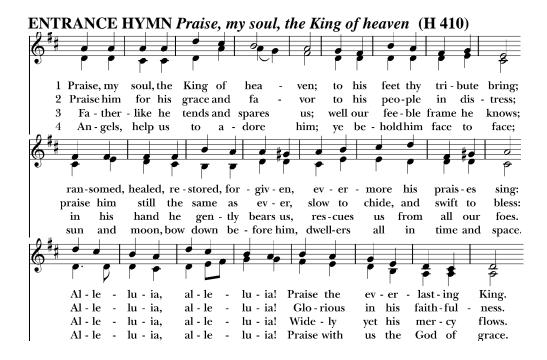
## **MORNING PRAYER**

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

#### **OPENING SENTENCE**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2* 



#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest alone says

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

## 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 forever. Amen.

The earth is the Lord's, for God made it: Come let us worship him.

# VENITE





# Psalm 145:1-8

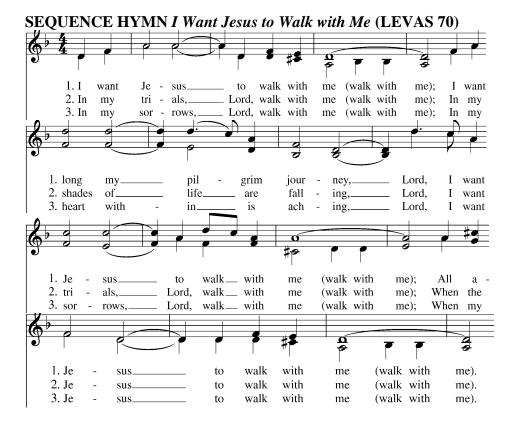
- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \* and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \* and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

## FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said

to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.





Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came,

they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

#### **SERMON**

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in on Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge on baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Walk in love and Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

## **OFFERTORY**

"Pie Jesu" A duet By Adam And Carey Lape

## THE PRAYERS

OfficiantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet us pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **RESPONSIVE PRAYERS**

- 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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# **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*.

# PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by his response) Intercessor: God of love and mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Intercessions are welcome at this time

# **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishment which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointment and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen** 

## **CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21* 



CLOSING HYMN Guide me, O thou great Jehovah) (H 690)

## DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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# **PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS**

- Homebound: Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran
- *Healing:* Oralia, Doreen, Milt, Dale, Alaina, Matthew, Russ, Gail, Joseph, Jose, David, Phyllis, Joyce, Ann, Andy, Wendy, Jaime, Kim, Jean, Maggie, Mark, Elizabeth, Sandy, Carol, June, Millie, Rick, Jeff, Liz, Dick, Dusti, Justin, Jim, Georgia, Fran, Chris & Family, Ashling, Dan, Holly, Jack, Sue, Gail, Mary, The Tarby's, Liz, Jean, Keith, Colleen, Jeff, Samantha, Gus, Irene, Lisa, Millie, Caroline, Carol, Felicia Gelinas, Donna Marie Haraty, Alicia Gagne, Linda Anderson, Barbara, David, Cher Bean, Pat Harmon, Deb Lewis, **Mavis, Bill Bremmer**
- *Those celebrating a birthday this week:* Jessica Bukowski, Barbara Volker, Aiden llsop, Samantha Druckenmiller, Scott Gray, Jon Robichaud,