

Morning Prayer

Proper 8, Pentecost 4

June 28, 2020

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

Tune: *Leoni*

When Abraham went up

1 When A-bra-ham went up to off-er you his son
2 The sa-cri-fice that day was not a fa-ther's boy,
3 The way to wor-ship you is with an o-pen hand;

O God, we grieve to think of what he might have done.
But be-ing will-ing to o-bey and bring you joy.
With will-ing-ness to glad-ly do what you have planned.

And yet we know it's true: to fol- -low has a price.
 O Lord, what you de- -sire won't rise to you a- -bove
 You call us to let go, to let you be our guide

To do what we are called to do means sa- -cri- -fice.
 In vio- -lent act or smoke or fire; it's found in love.
 For when we do we'll sure- -ly know that you pro- -vide.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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 then says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

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

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.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
Come let us adore him.

Jubilate: Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalm 13

¹How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
²**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? ***
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
⁴**Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,” *
 and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**
⁵But I put my trust in your mercy; *
 my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
⁶**I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
 I will praise the name of the LORD Most High.**

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

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²[The angel] said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Canticle H: A Song of Hosea

The Reader, the People's Respondent, and the People

Come, let us return to our God, *

who has torn us and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *

after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, *

that in God's presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *

whose justice dawns like morning light,

its dawning as sure as the sunrise.

God's justice will come to us like a shower, *

like spring rains that water the earth.

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.

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

How long, O Lord?

Tune: Tallis' Canon

Canon ① G Dsus D Em ② D G ③ Am

1 How long, O Lord? I mourn and pray: Will you for -
 2 Con- -si- -der, Lord, and hear my plea, or death will
 3 But in your love I'll trust, and then my heart will

-get me e- -very day? How long must sor- -row
 tri- -umph o- -ver me. My foes will say, "We
 soon re- -joice a- -gain. For you will save me!

fill my soul and those who hate me have con- -trol?
 have pre- -vailed," and they'll re- -joice that I have f ailed.
 I will sing! Your boun- -ty is a won- -drous thing!

Third Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

A Reading from Matthew.

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water

to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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.**

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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 forever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Presider We stand before God in awesome fear, as the power of divine grace is revealed through the mystery of word and sacrament. Trusting in his grace, we offer our prayers, responding, “Kyrie eleison.”

Intercessor For those who claim the prophetic voice in our generation, that they may be willing to pay the price of their convictions and, like the prophets of old, have their testimony tried in the fires of eternity; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

That we may respond to the needs of others before we are ready, and give of our bounty when we have yet to be generous, that in the companionship of the apostles we will grow in grace and discover our holiness; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For the leaders of our nation, our states and cities, that they may be given the wisdom to make judicious decisions, seeking the light of the Lord who is the source of all righteousness; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For safety and refreshment for those on vacation, that they may relax from their work, from stress, and be reunited with those they love; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

That the dead [especially _____] may be granted an entrance into the fellowship of the saints; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

Enrich our hearts with the gift of hospitality, O God, as we continue our prayers, remembering before you our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Julio, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams and those in formation; and our sisters and brothers worshipping at Christ Church, Adrian, Trinity Church, St Clair Shores; and Church of the Incarnation, La Romana, in the Dominican Republic. We give you thanks for all the blessings and mercies we have received [especially _____]. We pray for those who are sick, or in any distress or trouble [especially _____].

Silence is kept.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; for this we pray. **Hear our prayer.**

Priest In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate us from you. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

My sisters and brothers, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: **Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Chorus Book 93

Grace alone

1. Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, Ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, Ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,

Am Em G F C G E G# Am Dm7

Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make, is on - ly by His
 Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace, is on - ly by His

G sus G C Dm C C E FM7 F6 G C Dm C C E

grace. Ev - 'ry moun-tain we will climb, Ev - 'ry ray of
 grace. Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, Ev - 'ry tear we

F G Am Em B F C G E G# Am Dm7

hope we shine, Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind, is on - ly
 wipe a - way, Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise, is on - ly

G sus G F G C C E F G B C

by His grace. Grace a - lone, which God sup - plies,
 by His grace.



Dismissal and Blessing

Priest Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God, ✚ Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, be with you, now and forever.

Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider 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

Postlude

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REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

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Faith in Action is providing leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas.

Needed right now: Pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, baking soda, sugar, chips; cleaning products, and personal products are always needed, as these items cannot be purchased with food stamps. **You may bring your donations to FIA**, or to Nancy who will see that they get there.

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Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey

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Watch Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons, <https://www.edomi.org/whatsheaid/sermons/>

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Join in a short, weekly, meditation with Presiding Bishop Curry here: <https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

Upcoming Commemorations

- June 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202
29 St. Peter and St. Paul
July 1 Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896; and,
Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985
2 Moses the Black, Monastic and Martyr, c.400; Walter Rauschenbusch, 1918;
Washington Gladden, 1918; and Jacob Riis, 1914, Prophetic Witnesses

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Scripture preparation for July 5, 2020: Pentecost 3, Proper 9A

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:11-18; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Providence is being in the right place at the right time, as designed by God. It is trusting in the well-timed fruition of opportunity and fulfillment of future outcomes as orchestrated by divine intervention. A person receives a phone call at the exact moment – a person meets another at a certain time or place, changing the course of their life – a servant finds the woman intended to participate in the next phase of Israel's narrative – things seem to finally fall perfectly into place.

The story of Laban trusting God to show him the woman destined to be Isaac's wife is a providential meeting of people in a divinely orchestrated situation. Through faithful hearts that were postured towards God, Laban met Rebekah at the well and brought her home to Isaac. The eventual meeting of Rebekah and Isaac mirrors the eternal love story between God and his people. Like Rebekah, we gather tangible water to quench our biological thirst from the well, while God has sent his servant, his very Son, to find us and bring us home – to show us the water from which, if we drink, we will never

thirst again. Perhaps providence will connect us to the people God intends and will direct our steps as divinely intended. Perhaps we may be like Rebekah, lowering our veil when we meet the Father, accepting the joy of being loved by him eternally.

- Do you see places of providence in your own life? How does it feel to be aware of possible divine intervention?
- What would it take to submit to divinely orchestrated providence with the same level of faith as Laban and Rebekah?

Psalms 45:11-18

Psalms 45 is a psalm of a royal wedding, where the bride is depicted in her beauty and extravagance with the promise of faithfulness and desire to fulfill the role placed before her. This is a time of joy and expectation of a new future! The expression within this poetic imagery parallels with the church, which is Christ's bride, and the eschatological expectation of fulfillment and a new future. The believer is asked to listen closely and turn towards our Lord, focusing completely on him as our new family. We are to use the favor we have been given and our gifts to honor God, for he delights in us. We can meet God in worship with joy and gladness and attain to someday enter his palace. As children of God, we are heirs that will inherit the earth someday and have been tasked with transmitting the Gospel from generation to generation. May we praise the Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

- Is there a role placed before you that you have been asked to fulfill? How do you feel about it?
- However you discern your "beauty" and "gifts", how can you use them to honor God and worship him in joy and gladness?

Romans 7:15-25a

A wise professor once said that, for whatever reason, people really love their personal sin, even if they hate it; they love the feeling of comfort and familiarity that can be found in turning back to the vices that they hate again and again. Original sin has predisposed mankind to this kind of compulsive attraction to things that are not good for us and harm us. Why do we like to roll around in what we hate? And even more so, why do we not have the willpower or resolve to resist sin on our own?

Paul recognized this very real difficulty! He knew that nothing good dwelled within him, within his flesh, and although he deeply desired to do right and do good, he could not. He could not, even by the law of God that he loved, because it was not possible to do right or good and avoid sin by himself. It is not possible for us to do on our own, either. We need Christ. It is only with the indwelling of Jesus that our hearts and minds can be realigned to proper focus, allowing us to do right and do good through Christ, and resist the sin we hate.

- What sin do you find yourself turning back to, time and again? Try and recognize your disdain (as well as the attraction to) this sin.
- How could this change if Jesus realigned your perspective? How could his strength help you?

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

A yoke is a large and heavy piece of agricultural plow equipment, used to harness 2 animals to a cart that they then pull. A yoke can also be used with a heavier piece on the larger, stronger animal, and a lighter portion harnessed to the new or younger animal being trained. The yoke was designed to better distribute the weight of the load and also to give mechanical capability to the work the animal

was set to do. Naturally, in great Jesus fashion, the Lord asks his followers to bridle themselves with a bulky and heavy device so they might experience a lighter load and ease their burden. So, what is the yoke of Jesus? It is a place of rest where we will find humility and gentleness and learn his ways. We must first accept the daunting yoke of Jesus' relationship to experience the easing he speaks of. The yoke of Jesus will provide us with the mechanical capability to do the work we have been called to – but we first must be attached to him – physically and spiritually. We may just be surprised with how light the yoke actually is, and how much easier we operate when connected with to Christ.

- What are you yoked to in your life right now? Jesus? The world? A person? Something else?
- Have you ever experienced a lighter load by taking more on? How might this be different?

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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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