

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020, 9 am

MORNING PRAYER RITE 2

Prelude:

Opening Sentences

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 stands and 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**

The Invitatory

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!

Venite

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!

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Watches in the Night, by Rueben P. Job

I grew up on a farm on the North Dakota prairie that was gripped by great economic depression and the climate extremes of the dust bowl years. During that period abandoned farms seemed to be everywhere on the rolling hills of many of the Great Plains states. Many of our neighbors were forced to give up their land and their homes but some families remained and were able to raise enough food to survive. Our family was one of those fortunate ones that had a deep well that did not run dry. This deep well was pumped by a windmill with an eight-foot wheel mounted on a tall tower. The power of the wind lifted fresh and cold water from within the earth, sustaining a large garden, trees, livestock, and of course, our family.

When the wind was strong it pushed the giant wheel into position to receive the full power needed to lift the water from deep in the earth. When turned into the wind even a light breeze would pump water. But when the wind was just a gentle whisper it was not strong enough position the wheel so it could catch the full force required to pump water from underground. On such days I would watch my father climb the tall tower and turn the wheel until it faced the wind and then pull on the fans until they caught enough of the breeze to continue pumping that life-giving water.

The saints who have gone before us discovered how to position their lives in order to catch and appropriate the life-giving breath of God. They learned that they could survive and thrive even in the midst of seismic economic, climate, and cultural changes.

19 The Song of the Redeemed Magna et mirabilia

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, * surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? * for you only are the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, * because your just and holy works have been revealed.
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.

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other

commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Sermon John H. Branson

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

The Offertory:

Courtesy of the Walden School

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

For the Gift of a Child

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of Kaspar Henrik entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture him, that he may attain to that full stature intended for him in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Harvest of Lands and Waters

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give that one and all everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A time of Silence

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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 lives, by giving up ourselves 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.

Closing Sentences

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

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

Postlude: