



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Morning Prayer: Rite Two
October 4, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

Musical Prelude: Alan Cotnoir (Music Director)

Officiant: Andrea Hutnak

Morning Prayer: Rite Two (BCP 75)

Opening Sentences (BCP 78)

Officiant

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

We give thanks to the Father who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
Colossians 1:12

Confession of Sin (BCP 79) and Absolution (BCP 80)

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's 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 God, let us be together in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

(moment of silence)

All 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.**

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

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Invitatory and Psalter -- Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (BCP 80-81)

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

All 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.**

Officiant The mercy of the lord is everlasting:

People Come, let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100* (Page 82-83) BCP

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 80:7-14 *Qui regis Israel*

Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

All: 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.**

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The Lessons

First Reading — Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Hail, thou once despised Jesus

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1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

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3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Gospel Reading — Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Officiant: Here ends the reading.

Reflection: Andrea Hutnak

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The Apostles' Creed (BCP 96)

All 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: Our Father (BCP 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

All 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.**

Suffrage A (BCP 97-98)

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 name 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.

Collect of the Day, Proper 22 (BCP 234)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For our Researchers

A prayer for those who are working on creating vaccines and treatments for COVID-19
(from Canterbury Cathedral)

God of all knowledge, through whom all truth is made known, bless with your insight all those researchers working strenuously to find a vaccine for COVID-19, and treatment for its effects. Guide them with your wisdom, strengthen them with your power, and bring their labor to its fruition, that through their work our world would come to know that safety and stability for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Nation (BCP 258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Prayers of Intercession

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(silence)

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that rouse us to be the church in a world where faith is met with cynicism. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that motivate us to rebuild where storms have torn down, droughts have sucked dry, waters have flooded, and fires have burned. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that provoke us to create change where there is injustice, freedom where there is captivity, and harmony where there is violence. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that compel us to provide relief to those who suffer, comfort to those who mourn, protection to those who are vulnerable, and compassion to those who are scorned especially Jim, Vincent, Paula, Martha, Michael, Richard, Alberta, Sue, Tom, Lauren, David, Frank, Bob, Father Ed. MJ, Brad, Paul, Ron, Donald, Eleanor and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)... Heal their pain, mend their brokenness, take away their sorrow, lift them out of their troubles, and relieve their burdens.. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that lift us out of complacency and into our communities to share the priceless gift of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sing a love song to us, O God, with verses that assure us of eternal life, where, together with all your saints, we will join you in a song that has no end. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into Life.

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Celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Prayers for our Pets *from Prayers and Liturgies for Animals*
(St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Little Rock AR)

O God, who has made all the earth and every creature that dwells therein: Help us, we pray you, to treat with compassion the living creatures entrusted to our care, that they may not suffer from our neglect nor become the victims of any cruelty; and grant that in caring for them we may find a deeper understanding of your love for all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you are infinite, unbounded Love, and will not allow the love which exists between your creatures to perish: We cherish the pets we have now, and we remember the pets we have loved and lost. May we always be reminded of the joy they have given to us. Comfort all those who mourn, especially those who have recently lost a beloved pet. Be with us and draw us close in our sorrow and speak into our hearts that even in our sorrow we have cause for joy, for we know that all creatures who died on earth shall live again in your new creation. **Amen.**

Video: Blessing of the Animals

Peace Prayer Attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi

All Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, union; Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is error, truth; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console:
To be understood, as to understand; To be loved, as to love:
For it is in giving that we receive, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. **Amen.**

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The General Thanksgiving (BCP 101)

All 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.**

Concluding Prayer (BCP 102)

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 the world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

WL&P 751

*Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit,
moving in my heart, I will pray.*

1 Up on the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

2 Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

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