

Morning Prayer
October 4, 2021

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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.*

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 eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant 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.*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: *Come let us adore him.*

The 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 106 Part 1

¹ Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
 for his mercy endures for ever.

² *Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD **
or show forth all his praise?

³ Happy are those who act with justice *
 and always do what is right!

⁴ *Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, **
and visit me with your saving help;

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
 that I may glory with your inheritance.

⁶ *We have sinned as our forebears did; **
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

⁷ In Egypt they did not consider your marvelous works, nor remember the abundance of your
 love; *
 they defied the Most High at the Red Sea.

⁸ *But he saved them for his Name's sake, **
to make his power known.

⁹ He rebuked the Red Sea, and it dried up, *
 and he led them through the deep as through a desert.

¹⁰ *He saved them from the hand of those who hated them **
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

¹¹ The waters covered their oppressors; *
 not one of them was left.

¹² *Then they believed his words **
and sang him songs of praise.

¹³ But they soon forgot his deeds *
 and did not wait for his counsel.

¹⁴ *A craving seized them in the wilderness, **
and they put God to the test in the desert.

¹⁵ He gave them what they asked, *
 but sent leanness into their soul.

¹⁶ *They envied Moses in the camp, **
and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD.

¹⁷ The earth opened and swallowed Dathan *
 and covered the company of Abiram.

¹⁸ *Fire blazed up against their company, **
and flames devoured the wicked.

*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.*

A reading from 2nd Kings

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, following the abominable practices of the nations that the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he erected altars for Baal, made a sacred pole, as King Ahab of Israel had done, worshiped all the host of heaven, and served them. He built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my name." He built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. He made his son pass through fire; he practiced soothsaying and augury, and dealt with mediums and with wizards. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. The carved image of Asherah that he had made he set in the house of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever; I will not cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land that I gave to their ancestors, if only they will be careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them." But they did not listen; Manasseh misled them to do more evil than the nations had done that the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel. The LORD said by his servants the prophets, "Because King Manasseh of Judah has committed these abominations, has done things more wicked than all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has caused Judah also to sin with his idols; therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I am bringing upon Jerusalem and Judah such evil that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line for Samaria, and the plummet for the house of Ahab; I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. I will cast off the remnant of my heritage, and give them into the hand of their enemies; they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies, because they have done what is evil in my sight and have provoked me to anger, since the day their ancestors came out of Egypt, even to this day." Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he caused Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, all that he did, and the sin that he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? Manasseh slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza. His son Amon succeeded him.

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 8

*I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, **

the God of my people and I will exalt him.
*The Lord is a mighty warrior; **
Yahweh is his Name.
*The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; **
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
*The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; **
they sank into the depths like a stone.
*Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; **
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
*Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? **
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
*You stretched forth your right hand; **
the earth swallowed them up.
*With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; **
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.
*You will bring them in and plant them **
on the mount of your possession,
*The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, **
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
*The Lord shall reign **
for ever and for ever.

*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.

A reading from 1st Corinthians

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? "All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's." If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you,

and for the sake of conscience~ I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks? So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 18

*Splendor and honor and kingly power **
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
*For you created everything that is, **
and by your will they were created and have their being;

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, **
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
*From every family, language, people, and nation, **
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne, **
and to Christ the Lamb,
*Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, **
for ever and for evermore.

*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.

A reading from Matthew

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.

Here ends the reading

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.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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 for ever. Amen.

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.*

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.*

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 while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly

treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

*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 our selves 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.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.*