

Truro Anglican Church  
Morning Prayer  
Sunday, July 26, 2020

*The Officiant begins Morning Prayer by reading these opening sentences of Scripture:*

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

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. (John 4:23)

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." (Isaiah 57:15)

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Silence is kept. The Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own  
hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.**

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have  
done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises  
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of  
all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

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

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise the Lord.

*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Then follows the Venite.*

VENITE (PSALM 95:1-7)

**O come, let us sing unto the LORD;**

**let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving**

**and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God**

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are all the depths of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down,  
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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

- <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, \*  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, \*  
and all your saints shall bless you!
- <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom\*  
and tell of your power,
- <sup>12</sup> to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, \*  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- [The Lord is faithful in all his words\*  
and kind in all his works.]
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling\*  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

*All say:*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

THE LESSON

*The lesson is read:*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*After the lesson the Reader says:*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Sue Hardman

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; \*  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, \*  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, \*  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you. \*  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. \*  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, \*  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, \*  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free \*  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death \*  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory. \***

We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people, \*  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints \*  
to glory everlasting.

#### 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 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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People stand.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, guide those who govern us;

*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save your people;

*People* **And bless your inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Officiant leads the following Collects.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*The Officiant may invite the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*Before the close of the Office both of the following prayers are used.*

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 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.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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)