

THE ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER
IN ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, KINGSTON
FOR SUNDAY July 26, 2020 (THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)
ACCORDING TO THE RITE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Prelude: Stanford No. 1 From Op 101 Six Short Preludes and Postludes

Opening Hymn:

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

3

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

3

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Michael
Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Robert Bridges 1844-1930
based on the German of J. Neander 1650-80

Priest: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **Amen.**

Priest: We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence to offer God praise and thanksgiving to hear and receive God's Holy word to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask forgiveness for our sins and to seek God's grace that through Jesus Christ we may give ourselves to God's service.

Priest: Victory is ours through Him who loved us. Alleluia!

People: **Let us worship and praise our God. Alleluia!**

Priest: O Lord, open our lips

People: **That we may glorify and praise your name.**

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!**

OPENING CANTICLE: O COME LET US SING

1. O come let us sing out to the Lord: Let us shout triumph to the rock of our salvation.
 2. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in Psalms.
 3. For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all Gods.
 4. In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
 5. The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.
 6. Come let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.
 7. For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
 8. If only you would hear his voice today: for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
 9. He shall judge the world with righteousness: and the peoples with his truth
- 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.

PENITENCE

Priest: Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

People: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word and deed and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Psalm: 105: 1-11 Confitemini Domino. PART 1

0 GIVE thanks unto the LORD, and call upon his Name; / tell the peoples what things he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of him and praise him; / and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3 Rejoice in his holy Name: / let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD and his strength: / seek his face evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done, / his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, / ye children of Jacob, his chosen.

7 HE is the LORD our God: / his judgements are in all the world.

8 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant, / and the promise that he made to a thousand generations;

9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham, / and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, / and to Israel for an everlasting testament;

11 Saying, 'Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, / the lot of your inheritance.'

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!**

The Readings

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND CANTICLE: The Song of Zechariah

1. *Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel: For he has come to his people and set them free.*
2. *He has raised up for us a mighty saviour: Born of the house of his servant David.*
3. *Through his holy prophets he promised of old: that he would save us from our enemies from the hands of all that hate us.*
4. *He promised to show mercy to our forebears: and to remember his holy covenant.*
5. *This was the oath that he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies.*
6. *Free to worship him without fear: holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.*
7. *You my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.*
8. *To give his people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.*
9. *In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us.*
10. *To shine upon those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Glorify 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.

Lector: *A reading from the letter to the church at Rome.*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am

convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL CANTICLE: THE SONG OF THE CHURCH (*Te Deum*)

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost,
the Comforter.
THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou
tookst upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to
all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.
O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Deacon: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you .

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE HOMILY: The Very Rev. Donald Davidson

Anthem:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

Psalm 34 v. 8

Hymn:

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Gwalchmai
J.D. Jones 1827-1870

George Herbert 1593-1632

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Priest: Let us pray
Lord have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, Have mercy upon us.**

Priest: Lord have mercy upon us.

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 for ever. Amen.**

Priest: Show us your mercy, O Lord.
People: **And grant us your salvation.**
Priest: O Lord, be gracious to our land.
People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**
Priest: O Lord, make your ways known upon the earth.
People: **Let all nations acknowledge your saving power.**
Priest: Give your people the blessing of peace.
People: **And let your glory be over all the world.**
Priest: Make our hearts clean, O God.
People: **And renew a right spirit within us.**

Priest Scandalous God,
you sow weeds among the crop,
raise bread with impure yeast,
offer treasure without price
and cast a net that catches good and bad:
throw down our idols of purity and possession,
so that you might reveal in us your wide-branching love; through Jesus Christ,
the stumbling block.
People: **Amen.**

Priest O God, the author of peace and lover of concord to know you is eternal life to
serve you is perfect freedom: defend us your servants from all assaults of our
enemies that we may trust in your defence and not fear the power of any
adversaries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Priest Eternal God and Father by whose power we are created and by whose love we
are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves
to your service and live this day in love for you and one another; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

People: **Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise more than we can
utter more than we can understand be to you, O holy and glorious**

Trinity Father, Son and holy Spirit from all angels all people all creatures for ever and ever. Amen.

People: God of all power, we acclaim you Lord of all grace, we worship you we are not worthy of you yet your goodness makes us praise you and give you thanks. WE praise you for the life you have given us and for all the blessings we have received at your hands. Above all, we give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ for the grace and hope which his death and resurrection have brought to us. We ask this of you, our Father that we may never forget your goodness to us and that we may show our thankfulness not only in words but in the service of our lives both now and in all eternity. Amen.

People: Heavenly Father your Son has promised that whenever we pray in his name you will hear us: answer our prayers as may be best for us granting us in this world the knowledge of your truth and in the world to come the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pastoral Blessing

Priest May the Lord bless you and watch over you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father+, the Son+ and the Holy Spirit+. Be with you and abide with you always.

People: Amen.

Deacon: May the risen Christ grant us the joy of eternal life. Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Hymn:

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,

partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Aurelia

S.S. Wesley 1810-76

S.J. Stone 1839-1900

Postlude: Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne BuxWV 137

Buxtehude