



Mobile, Alabama
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021
Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Morning Prayer: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.

Prelude *Adagio from Symphonie No. IV* Ch-M. Widor
(1844-1937)

Welcome

Opening Hymn *New Britain*
Hymnal 671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound vs. 1, 4, 5

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Opening Sentence BCP 78

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin and Absolution *All kneel.* BCP 79

Officiant: 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.**

Officiant: 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 and Psalter

All stand.

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

Psalms 95:1-7

Hymnal S-35

- ¹ **Come let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
- ² **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- ³ **For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**
- ⁴ **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- ⁵ **The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- ⁶ **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**
- ⁷ **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!**

Psalms 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

Read responsively by whole verse

BCP 780

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
 - ² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
 - ³ So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he shows us his mercy.
 - ⁴ **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
 - ⁵ Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.
- 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.**

The Lessons

First Reading: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn

was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce, Deus

Isaiah 12:2-6

BCP 86

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; **Refrain**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

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.

Second Reading: *Mark 6:1-13*

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

Magna et mirabilia

Hymnal S-267

**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.**

The Homily

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

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.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

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.**

Collect for Independence Day

BCP 242

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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 Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Cathedral Prayers

Solo

America the Beautiful

Samuel Augustus Ward

Haley Cox, *soprano*

(1848-1903)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

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. Chrysostom

BCP 102

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

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **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.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn

America

Hymnal 717

My country 'tis of thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing; land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake,
let all that breathe partake, let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing; long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Postlude

Variations on "America," Allegro, Moderato

Charles Ives
(1874-1954)

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Papua New Guinea

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Citronelle

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Kenya, Tanzania; and Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Ventress Correctional Facility, Clayton



JULY RESPITE

The Cathedral staff will be taking vacation at various times throughout July. The Cathedral office will be closed from Monday, July 5 through Friday, July 9. For the remainder of July, the Cathedral office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and we will be closed on Fridays.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3

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July 4

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July 6

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July 7

Alec Harris
Prissy Hawkins

July 8

Hank Cobb
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July 10

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