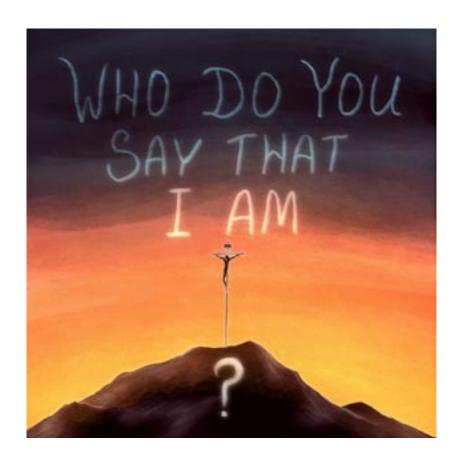
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# Sunday, August 23, 2020 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

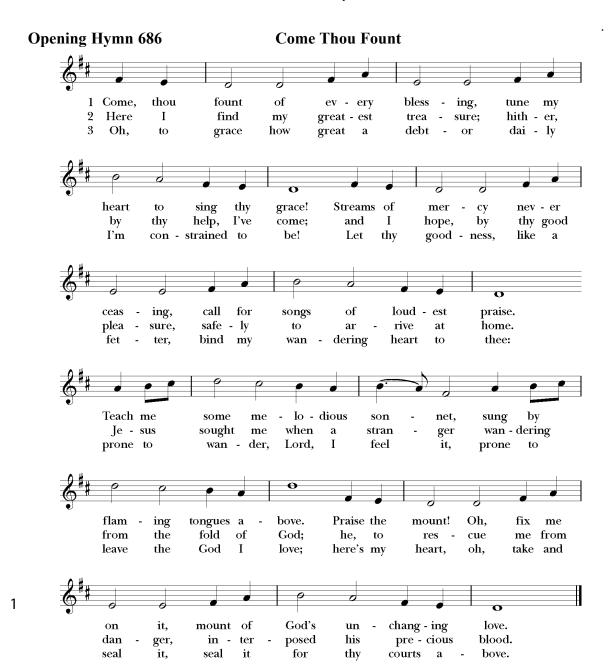
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## **Morning Prayer, Rite II**

#### Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.



#### **Opening Sentence**

Officiant: 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

#### Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

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.

The Officiant stands and says:

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, as able.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

People: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People:

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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 138:1-4, 7-9



When I called, you an -- swered me; O Lord, your love en-



dures for ev-er.

I will give thanks to you, O/Lord, with my whole heart;\*
before the gods/I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy /temple and praise your Name, \* because of your /love and faithfulness. [ANTIPHON]

For you have / glorified your Name\* and your /word above all things.

When I/called, you answered me; \*
you increased/my strength within me. [ANTIPHON]

Though the Lord be high, he/cares for the lowly;\*
he perceives the/haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, /you keep me safe;\*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your /right hand shall save me. [ANTIPHON]

The Lord will make good his/purpose for me;\*
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon/the works of your hands. [ANTIPHON]



## Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

#### Isaiah 51:1-6

The people remain seated.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God** 

Silence.

All stand, as able.

## **Canticle 8** The Song of Moses

Cantemus Domino

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

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.

#### **Romans 12:1-8**

The people are seated.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Silence.

All stand, as able.

# Canticle 15 The Song of Mary Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

#### Matthew 16:13-20

The people are seated.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

	Thanks be to God	
Silence		

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord

#### Canticle 21 You are God Te Deum laudamus

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, 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 worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun 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 and 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 people are seated.

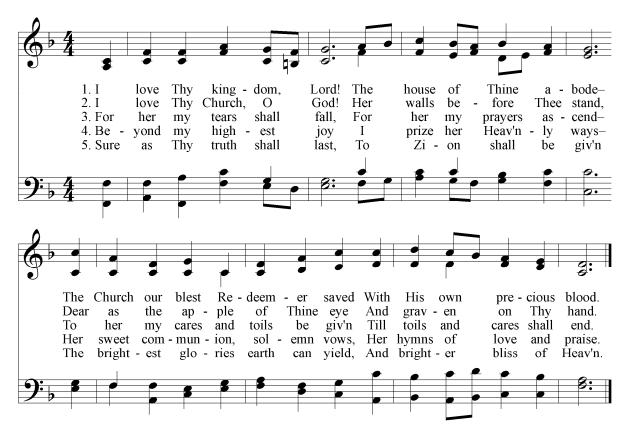
The Sermon Rev. Paul Moore

#### Sermon Meditation Questions: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

How is the current world crisis affecting you most? How does your faith ground you in the midst of the chaos? How do you need help in that grounding? How can you share the hope that grounding gives you?

**Hymn 524** 

## I Love thy Kingdom



### **Apostles' Creed**

All stand, as able.

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.

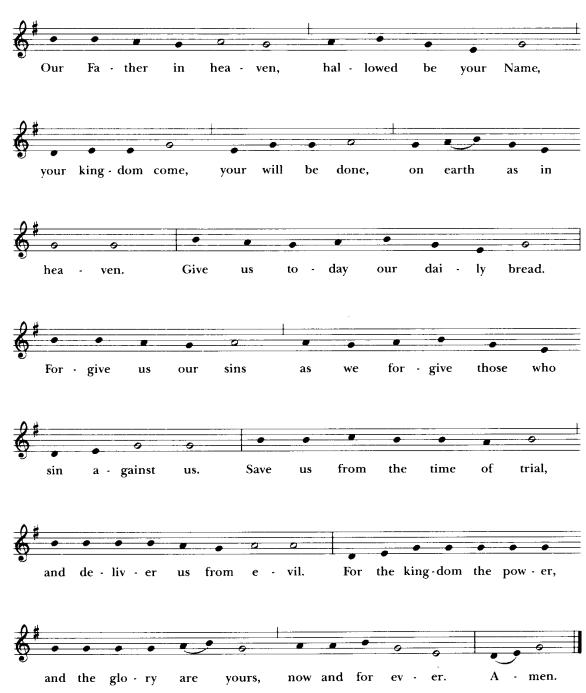
## **Prayers**

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

#### Officiant and People:



### The Officiant and People say responsively:

- 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.

#### **Collects**

O God, who reigns in glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

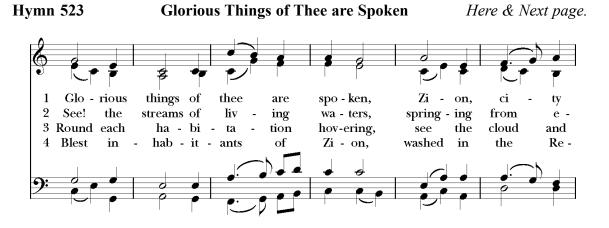
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Heavenly One, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, havingdone your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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.** 

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 





#### A Litany for True Healing and Reconciliation:

Reader: Let us not rush to the language of healing, before understanding the fullness of the injury and the depth of the wounds, by all hands, but more by some than others.

People: Let us not rush to fast answers, when the gaping wound requires long, loving tending care.

Let us not offer false equivalencies, thereby diminishing the particular pain being felt in a particular circumstance in a particular historical moment.

Let us not speak of reconciliation without speaking of reparations and restoration, or how we can repair the breach and how we can restore the loss.

Let us not rush past the loss of this mother's child, this father's child ... someone's beloved son.

Let us not value property over people; let us not protect material objects while human lives hang in the balance.

Let us not value a false peace over a righteous justice.

Let us not be afraid to sit with the ugliness, the messiness, and the pain that is life in community together.

Let us not offer clichés to the grieving, those whose hearts are being torn asunder.

#### Instead...

Let us mourn black and brown, indigenous and LGBTQ+ people those killed extrajudicially, especially when justice is not served.

Let us lament the loss of a teenager, dead at the hands of a police officer who described him as a demon.

Let us weep at a criminal justice system, which is neither blind nor just.

Let us call for the mourning men and the wailing women, those willing to rend their garments of privilege and ease, and sit in the ashes of this nation's original sin. Let us be silent when we don't know what to say.

Silence.

And finally, let is find out hope in a God who makes all things new, and let us commit ourselves to being renewed at those deep levels we consciously or unconsciously protect.

May we die with Christ that we might live with Christ, a new creation.

#### 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.

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.** 

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. **People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**.

**Closing Hymn 690** 

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah** 

Next page.

Officiant: 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

#### Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah



## Suicide Prevention Seminar (online via Zoom) QPR = Question, Persuade, Refer

Wednesday August 26, 2020 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. with an optional follow up on Thursday August 27, 2020 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Register by contacting Julie Hagen at *jahagen88@gmail.com* or call/text (360) 333-2463 and the zoom link will be forwarded to you.

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### Morning Prayer:

Until we can meet together once again, our Sunday Morning worship will generally be Morning Prayer, as per the Bishop's instruction. For those who remember the days in the Episcopal Church when the Eucharist was only celebrated once a month, these days may have a familiar feel. For those of us who do not, it feels like a Eucharistic Fast. It has been so described by others who have written about our current situation. In the liturgical reforms of the 1970's the Eucharist has become the center of Sunday worship. Now, however, because of the worldwide pandemic, we are back to Morning Prayer as our regular fare.

What is Morning Prayer? It is a rite originally developed for the Benedictine monastic life in England in the Medieval period. Monks and nuns prayed seven times a day. Four of those prayer services became popular among the common people, Morning Prayer (or Matins,) Noonday Prayers (or Non,) Evening Prayer, (or Vespers,) and Compline. Matins and Vespers grew into full-blown services in themselves. Matins came to fill in on Sunday mornings when a priest was not available to preside at the Eucharist.

In the American church, the term Matins is rarely used, preferring the more descriptive, Morning Prayer. The rite became very popular in the western expansion precisely because it could be led by lay people. Our Prayer Books throughout the years have reflected this, always including a well-constructed rite. Our current one is no exception.

Adapted as it is for lay leadership, you will notice that the lay form for the absolution is provided for in the rubrics (instructions written in italics and smaller size.) There is no provision for a sermon. It has always been an Anglican thought that the Bible, read aloud to the people in their own language, was the foundation of spiritual formation in worship. When used as the primary service on Sunday, a sermon is usually inserted where we do it, or after the Creed, or even just before the dismissal. Rubrics for a blessing are also omitted.

The structure of the rite borrows from the synagogue worship of the early Jewish Christians, just like the first part of a Eucharistic service. It follows the same format of an introductory rite, readings from Scripture, prayers and a dismissal. Because Morning Prayer's focus is Scripture and Prayer, the introductory rites and the readings themselves are more elaborately done, and the prayers are more extensive. At St. Paul's, after the Collects, where the rubrics allow for "other authorized intercessions," we insert another set of prayers that focus our petitions on concerns of our time and place.

Because it is not a Eucharistic service, the services do not employ the liturgical colors. Instead of a white alb and stole, the presider often wears a black cassock, a white surplice over it, and a tippet. The tippet looks like a black stole, but it is really an academic vestment. It often has emblems of academic affiliations attached near the tips. Fr. Paul's has an Episcopal shield, and the shields of two seminaries from which he holds degrees. A simple alb with no stole may also be used.

## Welcome to Saint Paul's!

What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference.

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