



**CHRIST**  
**EPISCOPAL**  
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**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**Morning Prayer, Rite II**  
**Week of September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Opening Sentences**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

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 Jubilate**

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \**

*and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

## **Psalms 56, 57, and 58**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; \*  
all day long they assault and oppress me.

<sup>2</sup> *They bound me all the day long; \**  
*truly there are many who fight against me, O Most High.*

<sup>3</sup> Whenever I am afraid, \*I will put my trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> *In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, \**  
*for what can flesh do to me?*

<sup>5</sup> All day long they damage my cause; \*  
their only thought is to do me evil.

<sup>6</sup> *They band together; they lie in wait; \**  
*they spy upon my footsteps; because they seek my life.*

<sup>7</sup> Shall they escape despite their wickedness? \*  
O God, in your anger, cast down the peoples.

<sup>8</sup> *You have noted my lamentation; put my tears into your bottle; \**  
*are they not recorded in your book?*

<sup>9</sup> Whenever I call upon you, my enemies will be put to flight; \*  
this I know, for God is on my side.

<sup>10</sup> *In God the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust and will not be afraid, \**  
*for what can mortals do to me?*

<sup>11</sup> I am bound by the vow I made to you, O God; \*  
I will present to you thank-offerings;

<sup>12</sup> *For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, \**  
*that I may walk before God in the light of the living.*

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you; \*  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.

<sup>2</sup> *I will call upon the Most High God, \**  
*the God who maintains my cause.*

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me; he will confound those who trample upon me; \*  
God will send forth his love and his faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup> *I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people; \**  
*their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.*

<sup>5</sup> They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low; \*  
they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.

<sup>6</sup> *Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \**  
*and your glory over all the earth.*

<sup>7</sup> My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; \*  
I will sing and make melody.

<sup>8</sup> *Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp; \**  
*I myself will waken the dawn.*

<sup>9</sup> I will confess you among the peoples, O LORD; \*  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.

<sup>10</sup> *For your loving-kindness is greater than the heavens, \**  
*and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

<sup>11</sup> Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, \*  
and your glory over all the earth.

<sup>1</sup> *Do you indeed decree righteousness, you rulers? \**  
*do you judge the peoples with equity?*

<sup>2</sup> No; you devise evil in your hearts, \*  
and your hands deal out violence in the land.

<sup>3</sup> *The wicked are perverse from the womb; \**  
*liars go astray from their birth.*

<sup>4</sup> They are as venomous as a serpent, \*  
they are like the deaf adder which stops its ears,

<sup>5</sup> *Which does not heed the voice of the charmer, \**  
*no matter how skillful his charming.*

<sup>6</sup> O God, break their teeth in their mouths; \*  
pull the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> *Let them vanish like water that runs off; \**  
*let them wither like trodden grass.*

<sup>8</sup> Let them be like the snail that melts away, \*  
like a stillborn child that never sees the sun.

<sup>9</sup> *Before they bear fruit, let them be cut down like a brier; \**  
*like thorns and thistles let them be swept away.*

<sup>10</sup> The righteous will be glad when they see the vengeance; \*  
they will bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> *And they will say, "Surely, there is a reward for the righteous; \*  
surely, there is a God who rules in the earth."*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> Kings**

Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance." Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat. His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?" He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it' but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death." The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Here ends the Reading.

## Canticle 9

*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;*  
*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.*  
*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \**  
*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*  
*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 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of

Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Here ends the Reading.

### Canticle 19

*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.*

### A reading from Matthew

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Here ends the reading

## The Apostles' Creed

*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 God, who gave to your servant Cyprian boldness to confess the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ before the rulers of this world, and courage to die for this faith: Grant that we may always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us, and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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 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.*

*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.*

**This week's Morning Prayer was led by  
the staff of Christ Church.**

