

MORNING PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ALL ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP IN THIS PLACE

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OFFERS COMMUNION TO  
BAPTIZED PERSONS OF ALL AGES.

GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE ALL-GENDER RESTROOM (ALSO EQUIPPED  
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RESPONSES TO BE SAID BY THE CONGREGATION ARE IN **BOLD** AND

NUMERICAL NOTATIONS OF **BCP** INDICATE THE CORRESPONDING PAGES

***THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.***

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AT CHRIST CHURCH,  
**WELCOME HOME!**

ly, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come!  
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## BCP 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

**Almighty God,  
that we have sinned against you  
in word, and deed,  
which we have not  
thought upon,  
nor do we have left undone.  
We have loved you with our whole heart;  
we have loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are very sorry and we humbly repent.  
We pray for your Son Jesus Christ,  
that you will send him  
to us and forgive us;  
that you will give us  
to know your will,  
and to do your ways,  
that we may glorify  
in your Name. Amen.**

Lord, open our lips.  
*and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

People:

*to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,  
so shall it be for ever. Amen.*

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God.  
*and we adore you.*

## PSALM 100

## BCP 82

Give thanks to the Lord, all you lands;\*  
before the Lord with gladness  
and before his presence with a song.  
The Lord himself is God:;  
he has made us, and we are his;:  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
We will thanksgiving;  
we will praise you with psalms;\*  
and we will praise your Name.  
The Lord is good;

did not see what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind and did not bring the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please do not bring this calamity on me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God made a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to comfort him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came the next day, the Lord appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was very uncomfortable, that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough." And the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor, and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many

the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**15: 1-8 (READ BY HALF VERSE)**

Praise you, O God my King, \*

**bless your Name for ever and ever.**

How will I bless you \*

**praise your Name for ever and ever.**

For you are the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*

**there is no end to his greatness.**

For every generation shall praise your works to another \*

**and we shall declare your power.**

For you will show us the glorious splendor of your majesty \*

**and we shall declare all your marvelous works.**

For we will all speak of the might of your wonderful acts \*

is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**anger and of great kindness.**

Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitfulness. I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you and will find joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus with me again.

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or consent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit and with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is because God has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of dying for him—as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now have.

Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### 13 A SONG OF PRAISE (READ BY HALF VERSE)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
***worthy of praise; glory to you.***  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
***raise you and highly exalt you for ever;***  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple, \*  
***throne of your majesty, glory to you.***  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
***raise you and highly exalt you for ever.***  
Glory to you, beholding the depths \*  
***of the vault of heaven, glory to you.***  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
***raise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

## MATTHEW 20:1-16

Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into the vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same thing. At five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Are you here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going on to the first.' Those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. When the last came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'This last one has worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

the Gospel of the Lord.  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

END

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COMMENTS

*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 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.*

RS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III,

OR KNEELING      BCP 387

ay for your holy Catholic Church;  
*all may be one.*

very member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:  
*ur name may be glorified by all people.*

all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*y may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:  
*re may be justice and peace on the earth.*

e to do your will in all that we undertake.  
*r works may find favor in your sight.*

assion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

you for your saints who have entered into joy:  
*we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

for our own needs and those of others (silence)

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

PS A (SAID RESPONSIVELY)

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*Let your people sing with joy.*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in you can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*Your saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

ANT: The Lord be with you.

: And also with you.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it 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.*

### OF THE DAY:

ord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heave  
hile we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast  
ndure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### GENERAL THANKSGIVING (READ IN UNISON) - BCP 101

od, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humb  
goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made  
creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above al  
ple love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for  
nd for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of  
th truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only wit  
ves, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before y  
righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, w  
ly Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM- BCP 102

mighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
ation to you; and you have promise through thy well-beloved Son that wh  
nered together in his Name You will be in the midst of them:

D Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this  
f your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?

**THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO  
RESTORE ALL PEOPLE TO UNITY  
WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST.  
BCP 855**