

THE ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER

On the

Seventeenth Sunday after

Trinity

September 26th, 2021, at 11 a.m.

Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people,
And kindle in them the fire of thy love.

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah* lvii. 15.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

A General Confession (*said by all*).

ALmighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.

To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and ✠ absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 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.*

Opening Versicles & Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.

Psalm 95. *Venite, exultemus.*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD;
* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God;
* and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;
* and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it;
* and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down,
* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;
* and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth;
* and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the people with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without
end. Amen.

Psalm 33. *Exultate, just.*

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous;
* for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with harp;
* sing praises unto him with the lute,
and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the LORD a new song;
* sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the LORD is true;
* and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment;
* the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
* and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together,
as it were upon an heap;
* and layeth up the deep,
as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD:
* stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done;
* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought,
* and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.

- 11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever,
* and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH;
* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him,
to be his inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looketh down from heaven,
and beholdeth all the children of men;
* from the habitation of his dwelling,
he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them,
* and understandeth all their works.
- 15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host;
* neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
- 16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man;
* neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,
* and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
- 18 To deliver their soul from death,
* and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD;
* for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 For our heart shall rejoice in him;
* because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us,
* like as we do put our trust in thee.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world
without end. Amen.

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:15 - 28

Here beginneth the 15th verse of the 37th chapter of the book of the
Prophet Ezekiel. *The unity of all God's people in the kingdom of Christ
foretold.*

In those day: The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
¹⁶ Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For
Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another
stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the
house of Israel his companions: ¹⁷ And join them one to another into one
stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. ¹⁸ And when the
children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew
us what thou meanest by these? ¹⁹ Say unto them, Thus saith the
Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand
of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with
him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they
shall be one in mine hand. ²⁰ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall
be in thine hand before their eyes.

²¹ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the
children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and
will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
²² And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of
Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more
two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more
at all. ²³ Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols,
nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions:
but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have
sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be
their God. ²⁴ And David my servant shall be king over them; and they
all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and
observe my statutes, and do them. ²⁵ And they shall dwell in the land
that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have

dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. ²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. ²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸ And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Canticle: *Te Deum laudamus.*

The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the Church.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the 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 Sabaoth;
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 adorable, 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 tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
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 without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Second lesson: Ephesians 4:1- 6 and St. Luke 14:1 - 11

Here beginneth the 4th chapter of the Epistle of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians. *An exhortation to unity in humility, charity, and faith.*

BRETHREN: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Here beginneth the 14th chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke *Christ's example and teaching on charity and humility.*

AT that time: It came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him

come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Benedictus. *St. Luke i. 68.*

Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, *
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets, *
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, *
that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies *
might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: *
for thou shalt go. before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; *
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, *
world without end. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.

The Apostles' Creed (said be all)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was
crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose
again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion
of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection  of the body: And
the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

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. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the State.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all in Civil Authority.

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALmighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

OGOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we

commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [**especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

* This may be said when any desire the prayers of the Congregation.

For the Faithful Departed

I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
Answer. and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom & the Grace.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Cor. xiii. 14.)

Notices

Hymn #418 *Blest are the pure in heart*

ST FULBERT

The Sermon

THE OFFERING

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts 20:35.*

After the Anthem is sung, the offering is presented at the altar.

At the Presentation of Alms and Oblations:

#739 The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#141 Stanza 4 (AMERICA)

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.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

A General Thanksgiving (*may be said by all*).

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Aaronic Blessing.

The Lord bless ☩ you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN –

Hymn #396 *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

