

Daily Prayer Form

(20th Sunday after Pentecost - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hymn - Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
8th Century Irish Hymn

Confession (from The Book of Common Prayer)

Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.
-Psalm 96:13

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.

Silence

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions
and bruised for our iniquities.
Upon him was the chastisement
that makes us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd
and gather the lambs in his arms.
In Jesus we stand forgiven.
—based on Isaiah 40:11; 53:4-5

Opening Psalms

Psalm 96:1-13 (NIV)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Psalm 99 (NIV)

1 The Lord reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.
2 Great is the Lord in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name— he is holy.
4 The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.
5 Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his footstool; he is holy.
6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the Lord and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.
8 Lord our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.
9 Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

(All stand)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

(A short silence after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20)

This is the good news that we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Adapted from *The Book of Daily Prayer*)

Heavenly Father, you have called us to remember to pray for the Church and the world,
and for the ongoing ministry of the gospel, that it may increase and make disciples of all
nations. And so we pray:

For your Church in this place and around the world...

Intercessions are said

For our nation's leaders, for the leaders of other nations, and for all in authority throughout the world, and in our own community.

Intercessions are said

For this place, for every city and community, and for those who live in them.

Intercessions are said

For the good earth which you have given and for the wisdom and will to conserve it as faithful stewards. For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of harvest.

Intercessions are said

For the weak, fatherless, poor, oppressed, and needy.

Intercessions are said

For friends, relatives, and neighbors, and for the day and its tasks, we pray:

Intercessions are said

For answered prayer and new life.

Intercessions are said

That we may end our lives in faith and hope. Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands*

A Prayer for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 - Be Thou My Vision

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

8th Century Irish Hymn