



**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer (BCP, 75)
Proper 8, Year A
June 28, 2020**

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

CONFESSION

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 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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouths 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 forever. Amen. ALLELUIA!!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and though leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us forever,
in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us, O mighty Savior,
God from God, and Light from Light;
thou art God, thy glory veiling,
so that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
through our work as through our prayer;
grant us light to see and know thee,
in thye people everywhere.

Venite (BCP, 82)

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 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 13

Usquequo, Domine?

1 How long, O LORD?

will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,

and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from Genesis (22:1-14)

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill

his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10: *The Second Song of Isaiah* (Isaiah 55:6-11)

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (10:40-42)

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

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HYMN

Jesus, Lover of my soul, v. 1

Hymnal 1982 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP, 96)

**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.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGES A (BCP, 97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers in 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 the 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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Prayer for an enlightened mind

Almighty God, open our ears, hearts and minds to receive what you have to teach us. Speak to us now as you spoke to those who walked with you before us. Tell us again the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us of

your grace and steadfast love. We are ready to live by them. Shine your light into our hearts and minds so we may find our way to justice, freedom, and peace. *Amen.*

This prayer was used in the Evening Prayer service commemorating Juneteenth (June 19) hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, New Haven & Trinity Church, New Haven.

A Prayer for those who live alone (829)

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Intercessions and thanksgivings are welcome, at this time.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP, 101)

**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 for 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.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP, 102)

**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 in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING & CLOSING SENTENCE

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

Jesu, Jesu vs. 2-4

Hymnal 1982 602

CHORUS

Jesu, Jesus, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors
we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

CHORUS

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.

CHORUS

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

CHORUS