

Morning Prayer
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 02, 2020
St. James Episcopal Church
Alexandria, Louisiana

These are a few pointers that might be of help if you are not familiar with Morning Prayer. This long-standing prayer service is found in the Book of Common Prayer. You can find a free electronic version at <https://bcponline.org/>

We begin on **page 78 with this Opening Sentence**: The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

We confess our sins, using the words found on **page 79**.

We move to the **Invitatory and Psalter** - on **page 80**.

We then pray in unison the **Venite** - on **page 82**.

Dann Eudy will lead us in **praying Psalms 93 & 96, responsively by whole verse**.

Dann reads from **Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (9. 6-15)**.

We pray in unison **Canticle 13 - A Song of Praise** - on **page 90**.

Deacon Michael Parham reads the Gospel (**Mark 3.20-30**).

A sermon is offered from Fr. Tim.

We affirm our faith in the words of **The Apostles' Creed** - on **page 96**.

We pray the **Lord's Prayer** in unison - on **page 97**.

Deacon Michael leads us as we **pray Suffrages B responsively** - on **page 98**.

Fr. Tim prays the **Collect for Sundays** - on **page 99**.

Deacon Michael prays the **Collect for Guidance** - on **page 100**.

Fr. Tim prays for the **Mission of the Church** - on **page 100**.

Deacon Michael invites our prayers and thanksgivings - on **page 101**.

We pray **The General Thanksgiving** in unison - on **page 101**.

We pray **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** in unison - on **page 102**.

Deacon Michael then dismisses us, and Fr. Tim ends with a blessing - on **page 102**.

We will share in a brief, virtual "Narthex time" to greet one another following the service, when you can say hello to fellow parishioners.

93 *Dominus regnavit* (prayed responsively by whole verse)

1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *you are from everlasting.

**4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

**6 Your testimonies are very sure,
*and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,
for ever and for evermore.**

96 *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations, *
and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

**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 Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

(9.6-15)

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness^{*} endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

(3.20-30)

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — ³⁰for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'