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# Morning Prayer*August 31, 2025 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### Invitatory and Psalter BCP p. 80

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth 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 for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

### Venite 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 a 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!

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.

### Psalm 112 Psalm 112

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; \*
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, \*
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*
the desires of the wicked will perish.

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.

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson Sirach 10:12-18

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira.

 The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
   the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
 For the beginning of pride is sin,
   and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
   and destroys them completely.
 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
   and enthrones the lowly in their place.
 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
   and plants the humble in their place.
 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
   and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
 He removes some of them and destroys them,
   and erases the memory of them from the earth.
 Pride was not created for human beings,
 or violent anger for those born of women.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

### 16. The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

### The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

### 21. You are God

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you; Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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.**

### The Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

### The Sermon

### The Apostles’ Creed BCP p. 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 BCP p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

### 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.

### Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

### The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Prayer for Mission

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.

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

### The General Thanksgiving BCP p. 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 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 p. 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 us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

 Ephesians 3:20-21

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Registration for *Invite Welcome Connect* Workshop with Mary Parmer closes soon!** St. John’s in Memphis invites you to an Invite Welcome Connect Workshop with Mary Parmer, founder and steward of the Invite Welcome Connect Ministry. She will be at St. John’s on Saturday, September 6, 2025, for a day-long workshop for welcome ministry**. This workshop is especially well-suited for small Episcopal churches,** but all churches are invited and encouraged to bring clergy, greeters, ushers, and vestry members involved in welcome ministry. Each registrant will receive a boxed lunch and a copy of the *Invite Welcome Connect* 5th edition book with the registration fee. *Registration is required.***Register here: https://tinyurl.com/IWCStJohns**

**Lecture: *Theology and the Music of Kendrick Lamar* with Femi Olutade; Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. | The Atrium at Overton Square (Memphis).** The Barth House Theological Society is pleased to welcome Femi Olutade - writer, podcaster, theologian, and lead writer of *Dissect*’s acclaimed deep-dive into Kendrick Lamar’s *DAMN -*to Memphis for its 2025 Fall Lecture. In this provocative talk titled *Sacred, Secular, Syncopated*, Olutade will explore the spiritual and theological themes pulsing through Kendrick Lamar’s music—from holiness and justice to personal transformation and prophetic critique. Admission is free, but tickets are required. *Please consider making a donation when reserving your tickets*: https://tinyurl.com/BHTS2025

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