



Mobile, Alabama
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020
Simple Presence Service
Ten o'clock in the morning

You are invited to join in the worship of God. This service uses the Book of Common Prayer as a form for entering the Presence of God and making ourselves present to God through stillness, reflection, and prayer. This bulletin contains the prayers, scripture readings, and music for today's worship. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Scriptural texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Other music sources are noted in the text.

Welcome

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 79

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us keep silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and People:

**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.**

Officiant:

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.**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Canticle

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Hear the voice of my beloved! *
 Over the mountains he comes leaping,
 bounding over the hills *
 like a young stag or a gazelle.
 See where he stands behind our wall, *
 gazing in at the windows,
 peeking through the lattice.
 My beloved calls to me: *
 Rise up, my love, my beauty, come away;
 for now the winter is past, *
 the rains are over and gone.
 Flowers appear on the earth *
 and the time of singing has come;
 the voice of the turtle-dove *
 is heard throughout our land.
 The fig trees bend with scented fruit; *
 and all the squash-vines blossom,
 sending forth their sweet perfume. *
 Rise up, my love, my beauty, come away.

The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**Officiant:* A Reading from Matthew

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

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

The people stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The leader and people pray responsively.

Let us come before God in a posture of openness, expecting the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to lead us into the offering of our prayers, as we respond, "Hear us, good Lord."

Free us from the bondage of our sinful ways, our blindness to truth, our stubbornness and lack of discipline, that we may yearn after the fruits of the divine Word and follow its wisdom; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen the love and devotion among family members, that forgiveness may heal old wounds, and mutual affection pave the way to wholeness; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guide the leaders of our Church, that there may be mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of partnership in bringing God's Kingdom into the most troubled corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions when compromised, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of educational opportunities; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Receive those who have died into your arms of mercy, that they may sleep in everlasting peace; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

Faithfully seeking the path to new life, let us continue our prayers.

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbricht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson, Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Lisa Williams, Fr. Dennis Brown, Mary Rose Snider, Jeb Shell, and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Victor Paul Stanton, Charles B. Ryan and Anna Lou Meggs Ryan; and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Leslie Stanton-Halley and Jeffrey Halley.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; and for all ministers in the church.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all the members of the Anglican Church of Pakistan.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Milton.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda; and Forest Park Bible Church, Mobile.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of prayer, we pray for Ventress Correctional Facility, Clayton.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Invitation to Silent Prayer and Music

Blessing

Music

Solo

Come Unto Him

G. F. Handel

Mollie A. Adams, soprano

(1685-1759)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden,
and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

Hymn

O beautiful for spacious skies

Materna

Hymnal 719



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