

## Daily Morning Prayer:

### Rite One

*Saturday, July 24, 2021*

*The Feast of Thomas à Kempis*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*People* O come, let us adore him.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, \*

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, \*

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*

and with righteousness to judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

**Psalm 55** *Exaudi, Deus*

1 Hear my prayer, O God; \*

do not hide yourself from my petition.

2 Listen to me and answer me; \*

I have no peace, because of my cares.

- 3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy \*  
and by the pressure of the wicked;
- 4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me \*  
and are set against me in fury.
- 5 My heart quakes within me, \*  
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling have come over me, \*  
and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! \*  
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 8 I would flee to a far-off place \*  
and make my lodging in the wilderness.
- 9 I would hasten to escape \*  
from the stormy wind and tempest."
- 10 Swallow them up, O Lord;  
confound their speech; \*  
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds  
upon her walls, \*  
but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.
- 12 There is corruption at her heart; \*  
her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.
- 13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me,  
then I could have borne it; \*  
or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,  
then I could have hidden from him.
- 14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, \*  
my companion, my own familiar friend.

- 15 We took sweet counsel together, \*  
and walked with the throng in the house of God.
- 16 Let death come upon them suddenly;  
let them go down alive to the grave; \*  
for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.
- 17 But I will call upon God, \*  
and the LORD will deliver me.
- 18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,  
I will complain and lament, \*  
and he will hear my voice.
- 19 He will bring me safely back from the battle  
waged against me; \*  
for there are many who fight me.
- 20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and  
bring them down; \*  
they never change; they do not fear God.
- 21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; \*  
he has broken his covenant.
- 22 His speech is softer than butter, \*  
but war is in his heart.
- 23 His words are smoother than oil, \*  
but they are drawn swords.
- 24 Cast your burden upon the LORD,  
and he will sustain you; \*  
he will never let the righteous stumble.
- 25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful \*  
down to the pit of destruction, O God.
- 26 They shall not live out half their days, \*  
but I will put my trust in you.

*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 Lesson

*Officiant*        A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
                          *Chapter 15 verses 22 through 35*

It seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsab'bas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren, with the following letter: "The brethren, both the apostles and the elders, to the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cili'cia, greeting. Since we have heard that some persons from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from unchastity. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. And when they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation. And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, exhorted the brethren with many words and strengthened them. And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brethren to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

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

## **10 The Second Song of Isaiah**        *Quaerite Dominum* *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 for ever. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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 with thy spirit.  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. And grant us thy salvation.  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

#### **Collect of the Day**

Holy Father, who hast nourished and strengthened thy Church by the inspired writings of thy servant Thomas à Kempis: Grant that we may learn from him to know what is necessary to be known, to love what is to be loved, to praise what highly pleaseth thee, and always to seek to know and follow thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Saturdays on p. 56

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world didst rest from all thy works and sanctify a day of rest for all thy creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties,

may be duly prepared for the service of thy sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to thy people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission on p. 58

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Parish Prayer List**

*After the parish prayer list, the Officiant will offer a moment of silence.*

*Officiant*      Lord in thy mercy  
*All*              Hear our prayer.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* 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.*