

MORNING PRAYER: Rite II
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn #290 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people:

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 kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept, after which Officiant and People say 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.**

The Officiant remains kneeling and says:

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**

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

BCP 80

All stand.

Officiant: *Lord, open our lips.*

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People:

VENITE (Ps. 95:1-7)

BCP 82

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!

PSALM 90:1-8, 12

BCP 717

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge*

from one generation to another.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *

“Go back, O child of earth.”

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday

when it is past*

and like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷ For we consume away in your displeasure; *

we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

- ⁸ Our iniquities you have set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
¹² So teach us to number our days*
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

PSALM RESPONSE (say)

*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.

READING	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Pew Bible 984	<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the
Lord.				
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.			

Officiant & People:

CANTICLE 9, The First Song of Isaiah **BCP 86**

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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**

READING	1 Thessalonians 5:1-10	Pew Bible 1239
<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.	
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.	

Officiant and People:

CANTICLE 18 A Song to the Lamb **BCP 93**

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *

for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise thee for the radiance
That from the scriptures page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master
Received the word divine,
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksand's,
Still guides, O Christ, to thee.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29

Pew Bible 1037

Officiant *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

O make thy Church, dear savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see thee face to face.

Officiant and People:

CANTICLE 21 You are God

BCP 95

**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.**

Message

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing:

**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 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Then follows these Suffrages

BCP 97

Leader & People:

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with 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 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.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Officiant says:

Let us with gladness present the Offerings of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*All things come of Thee, O Lord
And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

The Officiant then says the following Collects:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 236

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

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 Collect for the Renewal of Life

BPC 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

BPC 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

*For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship;
for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power
of your Spirit.*

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ. Amen

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Officiant and People:

**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.**

The Officiant says:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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 of 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***

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Officiant concludes with 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.

RECESSIONAL Hymn #396 Now Thank We All Our God