

Pentecost 6
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Morning Prayer
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The Order for Morning Prayer

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 1772, in Berkeley County, Virginia

Opening remarks by:

The Resident Vestry representative, Colonel Adam Stephen (Keith Hammersla)

The Senior Warden of Norborne Parish, Colonel Samuel Washington (Phil Steptoe)

The Rector of Norborne Parish, the Rev. Daniel Sturgis (The Very Rev. Robert Shives)

Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn: H-686 “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

Opening Sentences

Priest: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 S. John 1. 8, 9.

Confession of Sin

Priest: Dearly beloved brethren, the scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge, and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly father; but confess them with an humble lowly penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

¶ A general Confession to be said of the whole congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.

People: *Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have left undone those things we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us : But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord : And grant O most merciful father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

¶ The Absolution, or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing, the people still kneeling.

Priest: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare, and pronounce to his people being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins : He pardoneth, and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his holy spirit, that those things may please him which we do, at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers; Amen.

¶ Then the Minister shall kneel and say the Lords Prayer with an audible voice: the people also kneeling, and repeating it with him, both here, and wheresoever else it is used in divine service.

Priest and People: ***Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread : And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us : And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.***

People: ***Amen.***

¶ Then likewise he shall he say.

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

People: ***O Lord make haste to help us.***

¶ Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the holy Ghost.

People: ***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.***

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

People: ***The Lord's name be praised.***

The Venite S-3

***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.

Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts : as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

When your fathers tempted me : proved me and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said : it is a people that do error in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I swore in my wrath : that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Psalm 145:1-9 (Brad Cole)

145 I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the holy Ghost.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson (Samuel Washington)

Here beginneth the first lesson from the book of Deuteronomy Chapter 10 verses 17-21

17 For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. Here ended the first lesson.

Te Deum Laudamus (Mr. Graff)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the Earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry. Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.

The glorious Company of the Apostles : praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee.

The Father of an infinite Majesty.

Thine honorable, true : and only Son.

Also the holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the king of glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting son : of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgins Womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of Death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

* Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by Day: we magnify thee.

And we worship thy name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, (O Lord:) to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

The Second Lesson (Samuel Washington)

Here beginneth the second lesson from the book of Hebrews. Chapter 11, verses 8-16.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Here endeth the second lesson.

The Third Lesson (Rev. Sturgis)

Here beginneth the third lesson from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5, verses 43-48.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Here endeth the third lesson.

Hymn: H-493 “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Homily

The Reverend Mister Sturgis

The Apostles Creed

Priest and People: *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.*

¶ And after that, these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy Spirit.*

Priest: Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the Minister, Clerks and people shall say the Lord's prayer with a loud voice.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest standing up, shall say.

Priest: O Lord show thy mercy upon us,

People: ***And grant us thy salvation.***

Priest: O Lord save the King.

People: ***And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.***

Priest: Indue thy Ministers with righteousness.

People: ***And make thy chosen people joyful.***

Priest: O Lord save thy people.

People: ***And bless thine Inheritance.***

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

People: ***Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.***

Priest: O God make clean our hearts within us,

People: ***And take not thy holy Spirit from us.***

The Collects

For The Day:

O Lord God Almighty, in whose most holy Name the founders of this nation did obtain liberty for themselves and for us, and did kindle the torch of freedom for peoples yet unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the inhabitants of this land may have grace so to preserve our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Peace:

O God who art the Author of peace, and lover of Concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom : defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any Adversaries through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Grace:

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we

fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger: but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Continental Congress.

"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and have thrown themselves upon Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; To Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; Give them wisdom in council and valor in the field. Defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause and if they still persist in their sanguinary purposes, O let the voice of Thy own eternal justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war in the day of battle. Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation; that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and the vigour of their minds; Shower down upon them and the millions they here represent, such temporal as well as spiritual blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and in the world to come, life everlasting. All this we ask in the Name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and people.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Amen.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostome.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their Requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires, and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Benediction:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer

Hymn: H 718 God of Our Fathers

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If you would like to know more about our community of faith or are interested in membership, please leave your name, email, and phone number.

Please introduce yourself to people near you and to Rev. Bobby.

We look forward to getting to know you.

All baptized persons are welcome at the Lord's table for communion.

All people are invited to the Altar rail for a Blessing.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service.

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