

Morning Prayer

September 20, 2026

Processional Hymn Blue Hymnal No. 685 Rock of Ages

Book of Common Prayer pg. 78

Grace to you and peace...

Confession of Sin BCP pg 79 *please kneel*

Book of Common Prayer pg 80 *please stand*

Venite S35 in the 1982 Hymnal

Psalm 145:1-8 *Please be seated*

Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 **Every day will I bless you ***
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 **One generation shall praise your works to another ***
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, ***
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, ***
slow to anger and of great kindness.

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.

Alleluia

A reading from the book of Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21 S282 in the Blue Hymnal

Please stand for canticle then be seated for reading

A Reading from the Letter to the Phillipians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 21 Doug to choose Blue Hymnal

Please stand for canticle then be seated for reading

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (please stay seated)

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 20 Glory be to God Gloria in excelsis S280 in the Blue Hymnal

Please stand for canticle then be seated for sermon.

Sermon The Rev. George Anne McDonnell read by Jeff McNeil

The Apostle’s Creed bcp 96 *Please stand*

The Prayers BCP pg 97 *Please stand*

Suffrages set A pg 97 *please stand*

Collect for Sunday BCP pg 98 *please stand*

Prayer for Mission BCP pg 100 Almighty and everlasting God... *please stand*

Offertory sentence offered by Officiant. BCP 376 Walk in Love.. All can be seated. Ushers collect offering.

Anthem Sung by Choir Collection taken *please be seated*

The prayers of the community are now invited lector reads the prayer list of those whom we prayer for.

The General Thanksgiving BCP pg 101 be seated

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom pg 102 be seated

Recessional Hymn in the Blue Hymnal No. 558 Faith of our fathers!

Please stand

BCP page 102