

## Evening Prayer May 29, 2024

*BONIFACE, Bishop and Missionary, 754*

*I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.* Psalm 16:7,8

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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.**

### Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

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

**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.**

## **O Gracious Light**

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit:  
God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.

### **Psalm 115:1-8**

1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

**2 Why should the heathen say, \*  
"Where then is their God?"**

3 Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.

**4 Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.**

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

**6 They have ears but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;**

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.

**8 Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.**

**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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

Gal. 2:11-21

A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### 12. A Song of Creation

*Invocation*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

*I The Cosmic Order*

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

**Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \***  
**praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.

**Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow

**Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.

**Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## *II The Earth and its Creatures*

Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \*  
O whales and all that move in the waters.

**All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.

**O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Mark 8:27-30**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He

asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 18. A Song to the Lamb**

*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and royal power \*  
are yours by right, O God Most High,  
**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 royal priesthood to serve our God.**  
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne, \*  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

*As to his personal quality, the unvarying evidence of the letters gives us the picture of a singularly even, well-balanced character. His dominant trait was gentleness, combined with an unflinching firmness when once his course of action was made clear. Making all allowance for extravagance in the expressions of affection on the part of his friends, we must still feel the force of a nature which could inspire such loyal devotion. In the whole range of his correspondence there is not a single note of suspicion or distrust.*

*(The Letters of St. Boniface, Humphrey Milford)*

*We share reflections on the day's scripture and readings.*

*What do you notice?*

*What is speaking to you?*

*What difference does it make?*

*"Who do you say that I am?"*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**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

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*     Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

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 B

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful.  
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before  
the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your  
saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

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

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and  
earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things  
which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Boniface, Bishop and Missionary, 754**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon your church in every land, that like your  
servant Boniface we might proclaim the Gospel to all nations, that your kingdom  
might be enlarged and that your holy Name might be glorified in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Aid against Perils**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just  
works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that  
our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered  
from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies  
of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also  
worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and  
women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

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*We offer intercessions and thanksgivings from our heart  
either silently or aloud or in the chat function.*

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Jim Adams, Rod Allen, Allison, Amy, Bill, Bruna, Lydia Cedrone, Jarvis Cribb, Bishop Michael Curry, Ann Daily, David, Anthony DeCrosta, John DeNatale, Peggy Elkins, Jonathan English, David Fieldhouse, Linda Forcellese, Claudette Forss, Connor Gallagher, Lester Hartman, Jane, Jeanne, Jeffrey, Jerry, Joan, John, Debra Katt-Lloyd, Charlie Kelley, Linda Leavis, Josh Lunger, Kevin MacKenzie, Mark Martino, Jen Miles, Jennifer Morrell, Jim & Sara Murphy, T.A.N, The Neumann Family, Katya Papatla, Pat & Joe, Jane Pennacchia, Muriel Peters, Mo Pollman, Joe Talty, Bill & Jan Walsh, Vicki Wegweiser and Kelly Wood.

**The General Thanksgiving**

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**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.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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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 or 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

*2 Corinthians 13:14*