

Saturday, October 10  
Morning Prayer  
Paulinus

Opening Sentence: Pentecost

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
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 earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

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!

Antiphon

Alleluia. The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 137 *Super flumina*

- 1  
By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2  
As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3  
For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4  
How shall we sing the LORD'S song \*  
upon an alien soil?
- 5  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.

Psalm 144 *Benedictus Dominus*

1  
Blessed be the LORD my rock! \*  
who trains my hands to fight and my fingers to battle;

2  
My help and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, \*  
my shield in whom I trust,  
who subdues the peoples under me.

3  
O LORD, what are we that you should care for us? \*  
mere mortals that you should think of us?

4  
We are like a puff of wind; \*  
our days are like a passing shadow.

5  
Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down; \*  
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6  
Hurl the lightning and scatter them; \*  
shoot out your arrows and rout them.

7  
Stretch out your hand from on high; \*  
rescue me and deliver me from the great waters,  
from the hand of foreign peoples,

8  
Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

9  
O God, I will sing to you a new song; \*  
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.

10  
You give victory to kings \*  
and have rescued David your servant.

11  
Rescue me from the hurtful sword \*  
and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,

12  
Whose mouths speak deceitfully \*  
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.

13  
May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, \*  
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.

14  
May our barns be filled to overflowing with all manner of crops; \*

may the flocks in our pastures increase by thousands and tens of thousands;  
may our cattle be fat and sleek.

15

May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, \*  
no wailing in the public squares.

16

Happy are the people of whom this is so! \*  
happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Gloria Patri

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 35:1-19 (NRSV)

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah:  
2 Go to the house of the Rechabites, and speak with them, and bring them to the house of the LORD,  
into one of the chambers; then offer them wine to drink. 3 So I took Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah son of  
Habazziniah, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites. 4 I brought them  
to the house of the LORD into the chamber of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which  
was near the chamber of the officials, above the chamber of Maaseiah son of Shallum, keeper of the  
threshold. 5 Then I set before the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Have  
some wine." 6 But they answered, "We will drink no wine, for our ancestor Jonadab son of Rechab  
commanded us, 'You shall never drink wine, neither you nor your children; 7 nor shall you ever build a  
house, or sow seed; nor shall you plant a vineyard, or even own one; but you shall live in tents all your  
days, that you may live many days in the land where you reside.' 8 We have obeyed the charge of our  
ancestor Jonadab son of Rechab in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, ourselves,  
our wives, our sons, or our daughters, 9 and not to build houses to live in. We have no vineyard or field  
or seed; 10 but we have lived in tents, and have obeyed and done all that our ancestor Jonadab  
commanded us. 11 But when King Nebuchadrezzar of Babylon came up against the land, we said,  
'Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and the army of the Arameans.'  
That is why we are living in Jerusalem."

12 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: 13 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
Go and say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Can you not learn a lesson and obey  
my words? says the LORD. 14 The command has been carried out that Jonadab son of Rechab gave to  
his descendants to drink no wine; and they drink none to this day, for they have obeyed their ancestor's  
command. But I myself have spoken to you persistently, and you have not obeyed me. 15 I have sent to  
you all my servants the prophets, sending them persistently, saying, "Turn now everyone of you from  
your evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and then you shall

live in the land that I gave to you and your ancestors.' But you did not incline your ear or obey me. 16 The descendants of Jonadab son of Rechab have carried out the command that their ancestor gave them, but this people has not obeyed me. 17 Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: I am going to bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem every disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them and they have not listened, I have called to them and they have not answered.

18 But to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the command of your ancestor Jonadab, and kept all his precepts, and done all that he commanded you, 19 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab son of Rechab shall not lack a descendant to stand before me for all time.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation

*Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

*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.

### *III The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, 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.

### New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3 (NRSV)

#### 1 Corinthians 12

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

#### 1 Corinthians 13

1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:4 (NRSV)

#### Matthew 9

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the

good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

## Matthew 10

1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 The Song of the Redeemed  
Magna et mirabilia Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*

O King of all the ages  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord  
and sing the praises of your Name  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

Paulinus, *10 October 644*

In the middle 400's the pagan Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, driving the Christian Britons north and west into Cornwall, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. In 597 a band of monks headed by Augustine of Canterbury (feast 26 May--not to be confused with Augustine of Hippo) arrived in southeastern England, in the kingdom of Kent, and began to evangelize the people there, with considerable success.

In 601 a second group of monks arrived, including Paulinus (born around 584).

Sometime after 616, Edwin, the pagan king of Northumbria (the region north of the Humber river--roughly the northern quarter of England), asked for the hand in marriage of Ethelburga, the sister of the king of Kent. He was told that a Christian princess could not marry a pagan, but he promised that she would be free to practice her religion, and that he would listen to Christian preachers, and seriously consider becoming a Christian himself. At this Ethelburga agreed to marry him, and went north in 625, taking with her as chaplain the monk Paulinus, who was consecrated bishop for the purpose.

Edwin heard the preaching of Paulinus for many months, and finally consulted his advisors. Coifi, the high priest of the pagan religion, advised adopting Christianity, since he said that the pagan religion had not proved satisfactory. Another nobleman agreed, saying: "Life is like a banquet hall. Inside is light and fire and warmth and feasting, but outside it is cold and dark. A sparrow flies in through a window at one end, flies the length of the hall, and out through a window at the other end. That is what life is like. At birth we emerge from the unknown, and for a brief while we are here on this earth, with a fair amount of comfort and happiness. But then we fly out the window at the other end, into the cold and dark and unknown future. If the new religion can lighten that darkness for us, then let us follow it."

The other elders and counselors of the king gave similar advice, and so in 627 the king and many of his chief men were baptized. Other conversions followed, and the Church in Northumbria flourished. However, six years later, King Edwin was defeated and killed by Cadwallon of Wales and Penda of Mercia at the battle of Hatfield Chase. Paulinus left his deacon James in charge of what remained of the Church there, and took Queen Ethelburga and her children back to Kent by ship. There the elderly Paulinus was given the bishopric of Rochester, which he held till his death on 10 October 644.

written by James Kiefer

## Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Paulinus, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of northern England. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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 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 A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day: Pentecost, proper 22

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the

honor of your Name. Amen.

World Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the people of Malta.

Malta Independent Online

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We pray for our sisters and brothers, members of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

The Evangelical Covenant Church

For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Good Use of Leisure

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unemployed

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

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

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.

#### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*