



Take up your cross
and follow me

MATTHEW 16:24

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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
MORNING PRAYER
Sunday, August 30, 2026

All Stand

Levas p. 60 vs.1,3&4 Opening Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. [*Psalm 43:3*]

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

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

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People together: 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.*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

All Sit

The Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;*

He himself has made us, and we are his; we are the people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

THE LESSONS

Lector:

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

FIRST READING: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah [Jeremiah 15:15-21]

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution
for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector and People together:

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

*1 Salvation comes from God the Lord
And I will trust Him without fear:
My stronghold and my sure defense,
My Savior who is always near.*

*2 Draw water from salvation's springs,
And on that day your joy proclaim,
Give thanks to God, make known his deeds,
And call upon his holy name.*

*3 Exalt God's Name, the Holy One
Has done great things for us to tell;
Zion, ring out your joy and praise,
The Holy One of Israel.*

*4 All Glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be,
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.*

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SECOND READING: Reading from the Book of Romans [Romans 12:9-21]

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector and People together:

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

- 1 Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes in love and pow'r.
Who raises from the royal house
Deliv'rance in this hour.
- 2 Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.
- 3 Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness
And peace from year to year.
- 4 And you, my child, shall go before
To preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love,
The grace of God most high.
- 5 In tender mercy, God will send
The dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life
For those who sit and sigh.
- 6 God comes to guide our way to peace,
That death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!

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All Stand

“ALLELUIA”

The Gospel According to St. Matthew [Matthew 16:21-28]

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

“ALLELUIA”

DWELLING IN THE WORD

All Stand

Officiant and People together:

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.

Officiant and People together:

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.

Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; may hearts be touched and lives changed through the witness of St. Matthew's. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant and People together:

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE 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 ourselves 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Stand

SANS p. 12 Closing Hymn: “Here I Am, Lord”

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: 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*

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

At the end of today’s service we’ll have a brief meeting to discuss an opportunity for us to retain Fr. David Wilcox as a consistent supply priest to celebrate regularly with us.

September Service Schedule

Sunday, September 6th – St. Matthew’s Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 12th – 4:00 pm service - Father David Wilcox will celebrate the Eucharist with us. Note - this Saturday service will replace the regular September 13th Sunday service.

Sunday, September 20th – Father Brian Cowley will celebrate the Eucharist with us.

Sunday, September 27th – Father Brian Cowley will celebrate the Eucharist with us.