

St. Paul's Simple Saturday Service  
The Eve of the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 5, 2020  
Incorporating Evening Prayer from the Northumbria Monastic Community, England

**Opening Responses**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning,  
*more than those who watch for the morning.*

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

*O Lord, hear my voice.*

With my whole heart I want to praise You.

*O Lord, hear my voice.*

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

*Who could stand? who could stand?*

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

*and in His word do I hope.*

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts;  
for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength,  
so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

**Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **Psalm 149**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## **Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

## **The Conversation**

## Expressions of faith

*Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;  
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
and though the night is here, today I believe.*

*Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;  
and though you be silent now, today I believe.*

## The Prayers of the People

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

The Lord is my light, my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the refuge of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

We pray for those who are afraid; those who are sick, or injured, or bereaved,  
or struggling in any way, especially today...

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek;

to dwell in the presence of my God, to gaze on Your holy place.

We pray for those who have died, especially those we are remembering today...

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

As we pray through our parish list, we lift the following people to you,  
giving thanks for each of them and asking for your blessing on their lives:

Shane, Nikola, Elijah, Oliver & Elyana Ordway; Chris & Jane Pappas;  
Chris & Janine Parkinson; Paul & Linda Parnass; Sylvia Patten; Kim Pelletier;  
Nick & Ruth Perencevich; Edie Perkins; Roger & Susan Phillips; Kim Pike.

O wait for the Lord! Have courage and wait, wait for the Lord.

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.*

### **The Prayer of Confession and Absolution**

*Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

### **Announcements and September Birthdays**

*Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be.  
Strengthen them when they stand;  
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
Raise them up if they fall;  
and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding  
abide all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *(from St. Augustine's Prayerbook)*

O Most blessed Savior, together with the faithful of every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, we desire to offer you our praises and thanksgivings. We present to you ourselves, our souls and bodies, with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you in the sacraments, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts, and we unite ourselves to you and embrace you, O Jesus, with all the love of our souls. COME, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts.  
*Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

See that ye be at peace among yourselves, my children, and love one another. Follow the example of the wise and good and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen