

**MORNING PRAYER**      September 15, 2021  
*Feria in the week of Proper 24*

*Officiant*      Lord, open our lips,  
*People*            **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*            **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All**                **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!**

**INVITATORY**              *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 moulded 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.

**PSALM**              72      *Deus, iudicium*

Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
    and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
That he may rule your people righteously \*  
    and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
    and the little hills bring righteousness.  
He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
    he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
    from one generation to another.  
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
    like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.

He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.

May his Name remain for ever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

**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.**

**READING** 1 Kings 22:1-28

A reading from the First Book of the Kings

For three years Aram and Israel continued without war. But in the third year King Jehoshaphat of Judah came down to the king of Israel. <sup>3</sup>The king of Israel said to his servants, 'Do you know that Ramoth-

gilead belongs to us, yet we are doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?’ He said to Jehoshaphat, ‘Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?’ Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, ‘I am as you are; my people are your people, my horses are your horses.’ But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, ‘Inquire first for the word of the Lord. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, ‘Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?’ They said, ‘Go up; for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.’ But Jehoshaphat said, ‘Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?’ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, ‘There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favourable about me, but only disaster.’ Jehoshaphat said, ‘Let the king not say such a thing.’ Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, ‘Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah.’ Now the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes, at the threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. Zedekiah son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, ‘Thus says the Lord: With these you shall gore the Arameans until they are destroyed.’ All the prophets were prophesying the same and saying, ‘Go up to Ramoth-gilead and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.’

The messenger who had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, ‘Look, the words of the prophets with one accord are favourable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favourably.’ But Micaiah said, ‘As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.’ When he had come to the king, the king said to him, ‘Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?’ He answered him, ‘Go up and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.’ But the king said to him, ‘How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?’ Then Micaiah said, ‘I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd; and the Lord said, “These have no master; let each one go home in peace.”’ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, ‘Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything favourable about me, but only disaster?’

Then Micaiah said, ‘Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, with all the host of heaven standing beside him to the right and to the left of him. And the Lord said, “Who will entice Ahab, so that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?” Then one said one thing, and another said another, until a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, saying, “I will entice him.” “How?” the Lord asked him. He replied, “I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.” Then the Lord said, “You are to entice him, and you shall succeed; go out and do it.” So you see, the Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; the Lord has decreed disaster for you.’

Then Zedekiah son of Chenaanah came up to Micaiah, slapped him on the cheek, and said, ‘Which way did the spirit of the Lord pass from me to speak to you?’ Micaiah replied, ‘You will find out on that day when you go in to hide in an inner chamber.’ The king of Israel then ordered, ‘Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king’s son, and say, “Thus says the king: Put this fellow in prison, and feed him on reduced rations of bread and water until I come in peace.”’ Micaiah said, ‘If you return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me.’ And he said, ‘Hear, you peoples, all of you!’

*Reader*

Thanks be to God.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* **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.  
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.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Officiant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
*Silence.*

*Officiant* For the peace that comes from God alone,  
for the unity of all peoples,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the Church of Christ, for Linda our Primate and Susan our Bishop,  
and for the whole people of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the nations of the world,  
for Elizabeth our Queen and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For this town of Niagara-on-the-Lake  
for our neighbours and our friends,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the good earth which God has given us,  
and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the aged and infirm,  
for the widowed and orphans,  
for the sick and suffering,  
and for all in any need,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the poor and the oppressed,  
for the unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives,  
and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* For the dying, for those who mourn,  
for the faithful whom we entrust to the Lord in hope,  
as we look forward to the day when we share  
the fullness of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Rejoicing in the communion of Mark and the saints,  
let us commend ourselves, and one another,  
and all our life, to God.

## **COLLECT**

*Officiant* Almighty God,  
you call your Church to witness  
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.  
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may turn to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

*All* **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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## CONCLUSION

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**