Grace and Holy Trinity
Episcopal Cathedral

A Servant Church in the Heart of the City

Noonday Prayer

Lesser Feast of Bertha and Ethelbert:
Queen and King of Kent, 616
May 27, 2020 • 12 noon

Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
Noonday Prayer

OPENING SENTENCE

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.

PSALM 144:9–15

All O God, I will sing to you a new song; *
I will play to you on a ten-stringed lyre.
You give victory to kings *
and have rescued David your servant.
Rescue me from the hurtful sword *
and deliver me from the hand of foreign peoples,
Whose mouths speak deceitfully *
and whose right hand is raised in falsehood.
May our sons be like plants well nurtured from their youth, *
and our daughters like sculptured corners of a palace.
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.
May there be no breaching of the walls, no going into exile, *
no wailing in the public squares.
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.

LUKE 10:21–24

Officiant At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”
Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection
The Prayers

Officiant  Lord have mercy.
People     Christ have mercy.
Officiant  Lord have mercy.
All        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.

Officiant  Lord, hear our prayer;
People     And let our cry come to you.
Officiant  Let us pray.

God our ruler and guide, we honor you for Queen Bertha and King Ethelbert of Kent, who gently persuaded by the truth of your gospel, encouraged others by their godly example to follow freely the path of discipleship, and we pray that we, like them, may show the goodness of your word, not only by our words, but in our lives, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Dismissal

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.
People     Thanks be to God.
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.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant

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