

The Collect of the Day: Almighty and everliving God, who through the Book of Common Prayer restored the language of the people in the prayers of your church: Make us always thankful for this heritage; and help us so to pray in the Spirit and with understanding, that we may worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 96:1-9 *Read responsively by the half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

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- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * **sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name; * **proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations * **and the wonders of God among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, * **more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * **but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence! * **Oh, the power and the splendor of your sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * **ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the divine name; * **bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts (2:38-42)

Peter said to the crowd, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (9:38-41)

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

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The First Book of Common Prayer: The first Book of Common Prayer came into use on the Day of Pentecost, June 9, 1549, in the second year of the reign of King Edward VI. From it have descended all subsequent editions and revisions of the Book in the Churches of the Anglican Communion. Though prepared by a commission of learned bishops and priests, the format, substance, and style of the Prayer Book were primarily the work of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1533–1556. The principal sources employed in its compilation were the medieval Latin service books of the Use of Sarum (Salisbury), with enrichments from the Greek liturgies, certain ancient Gallican rites, the vernacular German forms prepared by Luther, and a revised Latin liturgy of the reforming Archbishop Hermann of Cologne. The Psalter and other biblical passages were drawn from the English "Great Bible" authorized by King Henry VIII in 1539, and the Litany was taken from the English form issued as early as 1544. The originality of the Prayer Book, apart from the felicitous translations and paraphrases of the old Latin forms, lay in its simplification of the complicated liturgical usages of the medieval church, so that it was suitable for use by the laity as well as by the clergy. The Book thus became both a manual of common worship for Anglicans and a primary resource for their personal spirituality.