



**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
**March 22, 2020 | 9:30<sub>A.M.</sub>**



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*Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home.*  
*We are glad to be praying with you today.*

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**Welcome**

**Opening Sentences**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 75*

*Officiant* Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. -- Joel 2:13

*Please kneel in body or in spirit.*

**Confession of Sin**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 79*

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

**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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Invitatory and Psalter**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**Venite**

*Officiant and People together*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 82*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**
- 7 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!**

**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.**

*Please be seated. We will say the Psalm together, in unison.*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 611*

**Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.**

**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.**

## The Readings

*The people remain seated.*

### First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Canticle 14** *A Song of Penitence Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15* *Book of Common Prayer p. 90*

**O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \***

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring:**

**You made the heavens and the earth, \***

**with all their vast array.**

**All things quake with fear at your presence; \***

**they tremble because of your power.**

**But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \***

**it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.**

**O Lord, you are full of compassion, \***

**long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.**

**You hold back your hand; \***

**you do not punish as we deserve.**

**In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \***

**that they may repent of their sin and be saved.**

**And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \***

**and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.**

**I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \***

**and I know my wickedness only too well.**

**Therefore I make this prayer to you: \***

**Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.**

**Do not let me perish in my sin, \***

**nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.**

**For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \***

**and in me you will show forth your goodness.**

**Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, \***

**and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.**

**For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \***

**and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Canticle 16**    *The Song of Zechariah*    *Luke 1: 68-79*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 92*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
    he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
    born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
    from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
    and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Kate Ekrem

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Apostles' Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 96*

**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**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 97*

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**A Litany in Time of COVID-19 Outbreak**

*by Rev. Michael Kurth*

*Officiant* God the Father,  
*People* ***Have mercy on us.***

*Officiant* God the Son,  
*People* ***Have mercy on us.***

*Officiant* God the Holy Spirit,  
*People* ***Have mercy on us.***

*Officiant* Holy Trinity, one God,  
*People* ***Have mercy on us.***

*Officiant* Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. As the sorrows of our heart and mind increase, we beseech you to save us from all trouble and fear. Cast away all works of darkness. Be our rock, a castle to keep us safe. For the Lord is our stronghold and sure defense, and he will be our Savior.

*Officiant* For all who have died: receive them into the arms of your mercy, grant them eternal peace, and surround those who mourn with your healing grace.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Officiant* For those directly infected with the virus: help them recover in good health and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Officiant* For those at high risk of infection, especially the elderly, those with underlying illnesses, the marginalized, and the poor: keep them healthy and free from all sickness.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Officiant* For those in quarantine, the shut-in, and the infirmed: help them find peace, keep them in good health, and renew their mind and spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Officiant* For all hospitals, doctors, nurses, and staff: protect them as they minister to the sick, relieve all stress, and provide the resources and space to meet the needs of all the infirmed.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*  
**Officiant** For first responders: guard them from all harm, and grant them strength and courage as they respond to all calls for help.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down: keep them healthy, bestow the resources to best care for themselves and their families, and assure them in times of financial and medical anxiety.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of resources: have mercy on them, alleviate any fear, and provide for them daily bread and wage.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For the leaders of this nation and the world: help them make sound and safe decisions to best secure the future of our planet.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For all schools, students, teachers, administrators and school staff: as schools remain open, keep them healthy and in good spirit to learn; as schools close, feed those who will go hungry without guaranteed meals and shelter all students have no place to live.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For all scientists and those working to find a cure: inspire them towards your truth, and help them discover and disseminate a vaccine and cure.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For all media and journalists: protect them from all harm in their reporting, and move them to be a vector of truth and certainty, and never fear or panic.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For all places of worship: embolden them to be beacons of hope and love, and help us to gather however and wherever we can – be it in person or online – to give you praise.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For the leaders of our church: help them minister to their flock; fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For the young: spare them from harm and fear, and keep them a joyful sign of your love and light.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For all parents: build in them strength and fortitude for the time ahead, and give them the words and witness to be wise counselors and compassionate caregivers.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Officiant** For calm amidst the storm: as the waves toss our boat and we wonder “do you not care?”, remind us to not be afraid, that with you all things are possible, and that even the wind and sea obey you.

**People** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Officiant* Stir up in us a spirit of compassion and tenacity for the time ahead.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Move us to check-in with loved ones at high risk of infection and those in quarantine.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Ease our fear and anxiety, that we may share our resources rather than hoard them, and extend a helping hand to those in need.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Inspire us to share the Good News of your love and hope.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* All this we ask through your son Jesus Christ our Lord: healer of the sick, ruler of the tempestuous sea, and Savior of the world.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Lord, have mercy.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*ALL:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Officiant then says*

*Collect of the Day*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow from the Parish Prayer List.*

***Collect for the Parish, Officiant and People together:***

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer.**

**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**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 101*



*Officiant and People:*

**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 our selves 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**

*Book of Common Prayer p. 102*

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.*

*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. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

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