



the  
Church of  
Our Redeemer



**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
**April 5, 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* Jesus said, If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8:34

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*officiant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*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. 760

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;**

**I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."**

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.**  
**22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.**  
**23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**  
**24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.**  
**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**  
**27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**  
**28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**  
**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.**

### **The Readings**

*The people remain seated.*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

**Second Reading**

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*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. Frank Fornaro

*Please stand in body or 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.**

Facing the coronavirus, we pray

for all who mourn their dead

for the thousands who have contracted the virus

for all who are quarantined

for those who are stranded away from home

for those who have lost their employment

for those who fear the present and the future

for children who cannot assemble for school

for parents with needs for child care

for physicians, nurses, and home health aides

for hospitals and clinics

for volunteers who are serving their communities

for medical researchers

for the World Health Organization  
for adequate and wise governmental policies.  
In your mercy, benevolent God: hear our prayer.

*The Officiant then says*

*Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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*

**Announcements**



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