

**Saint John's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer
Lent**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
Come let us adore him.

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 molded 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!

The Psalm appointed for the day
At the end of the Psalms is said

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 1st Lesson

A Reading from _____

After the lesson,

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence (*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2 6-7, 11-15*)

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.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the begin-
ning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel According to

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Apostles Creed

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

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of petition, intercession, thanksgiving

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us Bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*