



**CHURCH OF THE
APOSTLES**

Raleigh, North Carolina

MORNING PRAYER
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 29, 2020

A GUIDE FOR WORSHIP

The following is a guide for Morning Prayer, which will allow you, your household, and maybe your Community Group, to worship together on Sunday. We invite you to enter God's presence together with enthusiasm. Don't hold back! These are stressful days, so genuinely lift up your hearts! Sing to God, listen for him to speak, and call out to him in prayer.

A SONG OF PRAISE

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 1:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

All together:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Leader: Grant to us, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's Name be praised.

A SONG OF PRAISE

THE PSALM APOINTED

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- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; *
Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let your ears consider well *
the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could abide it?
- 4 For there is mercy with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my trust.
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord, *
more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, *
and with him is plenteous redemption;
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel *
from all their sins.

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Hebrews 3:13; 13:10-25

A SONG OF PRAISE

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Leader and People together, all standing

**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 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

Leader: The Lord is here.

People: And his Spirit is with us.

Leader: Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All together:

**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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Creator God of the universe, source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of Earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus: For all health caregivers – nurses, physicians, aides, EMTs, paramedics, technicians and therapists; out of the depths, O God–

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For hospital and nursing home medical staff, assistants, and housekeepers who have close contact with patients and for the patients themselves; out of the depths, O God–

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For all who travel for their daily work over land and sea and through the air—flight attendants, pilots, ship captains and sailors, bus drivers, passengers and long-distance truck drivers; out of the depths, O God–

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For all who handle money—bankers, financial advisors, supermarket, village market and convenience store cashiers; out of the depths, O God–

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For restaurant workers—bartenders, coffee shop baristas, cooks, servers, chefs, and dishwashers; out of the depths, O God–

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For hospitality workers—hotel and motel receptionists, servers and housekeepers; out of the depths, O God—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For daycare center staff who nurture, and look after children and for all children; out of the depths, O God—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For higher education program, campus life and administration professionals, coaches and cafeteria workers at schools and universities across the world and students everywhere; out of the depths, O God—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For all those economically impacted by the volatility and fear in the market brought about by coronavirus and financial insecurity during this crisis; out of the depth, O God —

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For the homeless huddling for warmth over steam grates and under urban bridges; out of the depths, O God—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, migrants, and the isolated elderly who have no protectors; out of the depths, O God—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For all who have tested positive, all who are waiting for test results, and all who are quarantined; out of the depths—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

For all who have already died of the coronavirus, now free from pain and suffering. May the God of hope comfort their families and friends; out of the depths—

We cry out to you. Protect them.

We may now offer our own intercessions and thanksgivings.

Silence is kept for the people to offer their own prayers.

Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; give wisdom and strategic vision to all public and elected leaders in governments throughout the world; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

HEBREWS 13:20-21

A SONG OF PRAISE