

THE DAILY OFFICE
MORNING PRAYER RITE II for THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, March 22nd, 2020
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

MORNING PRAYER RITE II BEGINS ON PAGE 79 OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE, p. 76

Officiant To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9: 9,10*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN, p. 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
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 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 you, +forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *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.*

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

THE VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7, p. 82 (said by all in union)

*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: PSALM 23 (said by all in unison)

- 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.

*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 FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Letter to the 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.

CANTICLE 13: A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine*, p. 90 (*said by all in unison*)

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; **
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
*Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; **
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
*Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*Glory to you, beholding the depths; **
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; **
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John 9:1-41.

*A*s 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.*

CANTICLE 19: The Song of the Redeemed, *Magna et mirabilia*, p. 94 (*said by all in unison*)

*O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.*

*Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.*

*Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.*

*All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.*

*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 APOSTLE'S CREED, p. 96 *(said by all)*

Officiant I believe in God, the Father almighty,

People *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, p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

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 SUFFRAGES, p. 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People *And grant us your salvation.*
Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People *Let your people sing with joy.*
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People *For only in you can we live in safety.*
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under you care;
People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People *Your saving health among all nations.*
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

THE COLLECTS (*prayed by the Officiant*)

The Collect of the Day: The Fourth Sunday in Lent, p. 218

*G*racious 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, p. 98

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.*

A Collect for Mission, p. 101

*L*ord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS, p. 101

Here we invite you to offer your own prayers, intercessions or thanksgivings, either spoken aloud or in the silence of your hearts. This morning we pray for, especially, all those affected by the Coronavirus.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 101 (said by all)

Officiant *Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
People 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.*

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

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THE HOMILY

THE REV'D STEPHEN C. TAMKE

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM, p. 102 (*prayed by the Officiant*)

*A*lmighty 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.*

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our +Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Cor. 13:14*

POSTLUDE

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