

THE DAILY OFFICE  
MORNING PRAYER RITE II for the FOURTH THURSDAY IN LENT, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

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ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE, p. 76

Officiant      Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

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 be 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 69:1-18 (said by all in unison)**

- 1 Save me, O God, \*  
for the waters have risen up to my neck.
  
- 2 I am sinking in deep mire, \*  
and there is no firm ground for my feet.
  
- 3 I have come into deep waters, \*  
and the torrent washes over me.

- 4 I have grown weary with my crying;  
my throat is inflamed; \*  
my eyes have failed from looking for my God.
- 5 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs  
of my head;  
my lying foes who would destroy me are mighty. \*  
Must I then give back what I never stole?
- 6 O God, you know my foolishness, \*  
and my faults are not hidden from you.
- 7 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me,  
Lord GOD of hosts; \*  
let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me,  
O God of Israel.
- 8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, \*  
and shame has covered my face.
- 9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, \*  
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up; \*  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11 I humbled myself with fasting, \*  
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12 I put on sack-cloth also, \*  
and became a byword among them.
- 13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, \*  
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you, \*  
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- 15 "In your great mercy, O God, \*  
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; \*  
let me be rescued from those who hate me  
and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up; \*  
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.

18 Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; \*  
in your great compassion, turn to me."

*Glory be 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 First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-26.

*J*ust as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce, Deus, Isaiah 12:2-6* p. 86 (said by all in unison)

*Surely, it is God who saves me; \**

*I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \**

*and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \**

*from the springs of salvation.*

*And on that day you shall say, \**

*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples; \**

*see that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \**

*and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \**

*for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

*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 SECOND LESSON

Reader            A reading from the Gospel of Mark 8:27-9:1.

*J*esus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell

you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

**CANTICLE 14:** A Song of Penitence, *Kyrie Pantokrator*, p. 90 (said by all in unison)

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.

**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. 219*

*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 Grace, p. 100*

*L*ord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; 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** *Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

*Morning Hymn*

**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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