

**Morning Prayer Wednesday in the Third Week of Easter, April 29, 2020**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.

Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Christ Our Passover** *Pascha Nostrum*

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, \*

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, \*

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, \*

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Psalm 38** *Domine, ne in furore*

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.

2 For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.

- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  
and my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin  
and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.
- 14 I have become like one who does not hear \*  
and from whose mouth comes no defense.
- 15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; \*  
you will answer me, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  
and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity \*  
and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  
because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.

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.

***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.*** Chapter 1 verses 15 through 23.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

#### 4 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in 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.

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And with thy spirit.

*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.

**Suffrages A**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. And grant us thy salvation.  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our  
faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;  
through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth  
and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace on p. 57

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:  
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that  
this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of  
danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may  
do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission on p. 58

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

Parish Prayer list.

*I bid your personal prayers here.... [silence for a time].*

*Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *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.*