

The Order for Morning Prayer and  
the Ante-Communion  
on the  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11 a.m.

*Where it is desired to have a very short and simple service (as when children are taking part), it shall suffice to say the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, for Easter Sunday, together with the Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.*

*In the absence of opportunities to administer the sacrament, please note the rubric in the Communion of the Sick, p. 323 in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:*

*¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, **or by any other just impediment**, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.  
*Psalm li. 3.*

### **A General Confession (*said by all*).**

**A**LMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy 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 there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### **The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins**

***Said by the Priest alone, standing, the People still kneeling.***

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**O**UR 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.

### **Opening Versicles & Responses (*alternating*)**

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.

### **PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY.**

**Antiphon:** The Virgin's Son, Christ the Lord : O come let us adore him.

**Psalm 95.** *Venite, exultemus.*

**O** COME, let us sing unto the LORD;

\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;

\* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God;

\* and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth;

\* and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it;

\* and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down,

\* and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;  
\* and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts  
\* as in the provocation,  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me,  
\* proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,  
\* It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,  
\* that they should not enter into my rest.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without  
end. Amen.

**Antiphon:** The Virgin's Son, Christ the Lord : O come let us adore him.

**Psalm 45** *Eruclavit cor meum.*

MY heart overfloweth with a good matter;  
I speak the things which I have made concerning the King.  
\* My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men;  
\* full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou Most Mighty, \*  
according to thy worship and renown.

4 Good luck have thou with thine honour:  
\* ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness,  
and righteousness;  
and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

- 5 Thy arrows are very sharp in the heart of the King's enemies,  
\* and the people shall be subdued unto thee.
- 6 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever;  
\* the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
- 7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;  
\* wherefore God, even thy God,  
hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia;  
\* out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women;  
\* upon thy right hand doth stand the queen in a vesture of gold,  
wrought about with divers colours.
- 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider; incline thine ear;  
\* forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
- 11 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty;  
\* for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;  
\* like as the rich also among the people  
shall make their supplication before thee.
- 13 The King's daughter is all glorious within;  
\* her clothing is of wrought gold.
- 14 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework:  
\* the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,  
and shall be brought unto thee.
- 15 With joy and gladness shall they be brought,  
\* and shall enter into the King's palace.
- 16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children,  
\* whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without  
end. Amen.

**Psalm 46.** *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our hope and strength,  
\* a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,  
\* and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell,  
\* and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God;  
\* the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;  
\* God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;  
\* but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord,  
\* what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world;  
\* he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God:  
\* I will be exalted among the nations,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
\* the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without  
end. Amen.

**Psalm 87.** *Fundamenta ejus.*

**H**ER foundations are upon the holy hills:  
\* the LORD loveth the gates of Sion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee,  
\* thou city of God.

3 I will make mention of Egypt and Babylon,  
\* among them that know me.

4 Behold, Philistia also; and Tyre, with Ethiopia;  
\* lo, in Sion were they born.

5 Yea, of Sion it shall be reported, this one and that one were born in her;  
\* and the Most High shall stablish her.

6 The LORD shall record it, when he writeth up the peoples;  
\* lo, in Sion were they born.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall make answer:  
\* All my fresh springs are in thee.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

**The First Lesson:** Song of Solomon 1:9-17  
*The love of the Bridegroom and the Bride*

I have compared thee, O my love,

- to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.
- 10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels,  
thy neck with chains of gold.
- 11 We will make thee borders of gold  
with studs of silver.
- 12 While the king sitteth at his table,  
my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.
- 13 A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me;  
he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.
- 14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire  
in the vineyards of Engedi.
- 15 Behold, thou art fair, my love;  
behold, thou art fair;  
thou hast doves' eyes.
- 16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant:  
also our bed is green.
- 17 The beams of our house are cedar,  
and our rafters of fir.

**Canticle:** *Te Deum laudamus.*

*The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the Church.*

**W**E praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
Thine adorable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

**T**HOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

**O** LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

### **The Second lesson: Romans 1:1-4**

*Paul's testimony to the true humanity and true deity of Jesus.*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) <sup>3</sup> Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; <sup>4</sup> And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

### **Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.**

*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ, and self-dedication to his service.*

**B**LESSED 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 day-spring 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.

**G**LORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

**O** GOD, who didst endue with singular grace the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to hallow our bodies in purity, and our souls in humility and love; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### A Collect for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### A Collect for Grace.

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 all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



# THE ANTE-COMMUNION

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with the spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

## OPENING PRAYERS

*said by the priest alone*

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. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

*Priest.* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

*Answer.*           The Lord be with you.  
                          And with thy spirit.  
*Minister.*         Let us pray.

### **The Collect.**

**O** God, who didst take to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of thine only-begotten Son: grant that we, being redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of thine everlasting kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

**The Lesson for the Epistle:** Proverbs 8:22-35

*The Wisdom of God, incarnate of the Virgin Mary, is from all eternity with God.*

**Clerk:** The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Proverbs, beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse:

**T**HE LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way,  
                  before his works of old.

<sup>23</sup> I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,  
                  or ever the earth was.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths, I was brought forth;  
                  when there were no fountains abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled,  
                  before the hills was I brought forth:

<sup>26</sup> While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,  
                  nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup> When he prepared the heavens, I was there:  
                  when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

<sup>28</sup> When he established the clouds above:  
                  when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

<sup>29</sup> When he gave to the sea his decree,

that the waters should not pass his commandment:  
when he appointed the foundations of the earth:  
<sup>30</sup> Then I was by him, as one brought up with him:  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing always before him;  
<sup>31</sup> Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth;  
and my delights were with the sons of men.

<sup>32</sup> Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children:  
for blessed are they that keep my ways.  
<sup>33</sup> Hear instruction, and be wise,  
and refuse it not.  
<sup>34</sup> Blessed is the man that heareth me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting at the posts of my doors.  
<sup>35</sup> For whoso findeth me findeth life,  
and shall obtain favour of the LORD.  
<sup>36</sup> But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul:  
all they that hate me love death.

**The Gospel:** St. Matthew 1:1-18

*Priest.* The beginning of the Gospel according to St. Matthew

*Answer:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**T**he book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup> Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; <sup>3</sup> And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; <sup>4</sup> And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; <sup>5</sup> And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; <sup>6</sup> And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; <sup>7</sup> And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; <sup>8</sup> And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; <sup>9</sup> And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; <sup>10</sup> And Ezekias begat Manasses; and

Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; <sup>11</sup> And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: <sup>12</sup> And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; <sup>13</sup> And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; <sup>14</sup> And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; <sup>15</sup> And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; <sup>16</sup> And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

*Answer:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Nicene Creed** *said by all*

**I**BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection ☩ of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Address**

**THE OFFERTORY**

God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for his Name's sake, who have ministered unto the saints, and yet do minister. *Heb. vi. 10.*

## The Biddings

### The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

*Minister.* I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;

*Answer.* and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

### The Prayer for Christ's Church.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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.

### **Closing Prayers**

Hail, Mary, thou that art highly favored: the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Answer.* Son of Mary, Son of the living God, have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*And the Blessing, or if there be no priest to pronounce the blessing, then:*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. Amen.

