

The Order for
MORNING PRAYER
and ANTE-COMMUNION
on EASTER EVE

April 11th, 2020, at 11 a.m.

PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel ii. 13.*

A General Confession (said by all).

ALMIGHTY 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.

ALMIGHTY 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.*

Antiphon (*said by all*):

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Psalm 16. *Conserva me, Domine*

Preserve me, O God; *
for in thee have I put my trust.

2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD,
* Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth,
* and upon such as excel in virtue.

4 But they that run after another god *
shall have great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
* neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6 The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup;
* thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; *
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the LORD for giving me warning; *
my reins also chasten me in the night season

9 I have set the LORD alway before me;
* for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
* my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;
* neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt show me the path of life:
in thy presence is the fulness of joy,
* and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Antiphon (*Said by all*):

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Psalm 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
* they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid;

* and though there rose up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require;
* even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to behold the fair beauty of the LORD,
and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle;
* yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation, with great gladness:
* I will sing and speak praises unto the LORD.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto thee;
* have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face:
* Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me,
* nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour;
* leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me,
* the LORD taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O LORD,
* and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries:
* for there are false witnesses risen up against me,
and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted,
* but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the LORD'S leisure;
* be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart;

and put thou thy trust in the LORD.

Antiphon (*Said by all*):

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Psalm 30. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I will magnify thee, O LORD; for thou hast set me up,
* and not made my foes to triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee;
* and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, LORD, hast brought my soul out of hell:
* thou hast kept my life, that I should not go down into the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the LORD, O ye saints of his;
* and give thanks unto him, for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye,
and in his pleasure is life;

* heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed:
* thou, LORD, of thy goodness, hast made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face from me,
* and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O LORD;
* and gat me to my LORD right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my blood,
* when I go down into the pit?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee?
* or shall it declare thy truth?

11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
* LORD, be thou my helper

12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy;

* thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness:

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing.

* O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Antiphon (*Said by all*):

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The First Lesson: Job 14:1-14

Man that is born of a woman

is of few days and full of trouble.

² He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down:

he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

³ And doth thou open thine eyes upon such an one,

and bringest me into judgment with thee?

⁴ Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?

not one.

⁵ Seeing his days are determined,

the number of his months are with thee,

thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

⁶ Turn from him, that he may rest,

till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.

⁷ For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down,

that it will sprout again,

and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

⁸ Though the root thereof wax old in the earth,

and the stock thereof die in the ground;

⁹ Yet through the scent of water it will bud,

and bring forth boughs like a plant.

¹⁰ But man dieth, and wasteth away:

yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

¹¹ As the waters fail from the sea,

and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

¹² So man lieth down, and riseth not:

till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake,

nor be raised out of their sleep.

¹³ O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave,

that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past,
that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
14 If a man die, shall he live again?
all the days of my appointed time will I wait,
till my change come.

Canticle: *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*

[some verses omitted]

O All ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O Let the Earth bless the Lord: *
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O Let Israel bless the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever.

LET us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: *
praise him, and magnify him for ever. Amen.

The Second lesson: St. Luke 27:50-end

At that time: there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: ⁵¹ (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. ⁵⁴ And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. ⁵⁵ And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Benedictus. *St. Luke i. 68. (read by all, or alternating by verse)*

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 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.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S GRACE.

The Apostles' Creed (said be all)

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.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (said by all)

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.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for Holy Week

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *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

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.

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.

<i>Answer.</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>Minister.</i>	And with thy spirit.
	Let us pray.

The Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying* our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and

gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 St. Peter 3:17

BELOVED: it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

The Gospel. St. Matthew 27. 57 (*Said without acclamations*)

AT that time: when the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

The Address – The Rector

THE OFFERTORY

Ye shall not appear before the LORD empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. *Deut. xvi. 16, 17*

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.

ALMIGHTY 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 accept our [alms and] oblations, and 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.*

The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

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.

Closing Prayers

Minister. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee;

Answer. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy Passion, Cross and Death between thy Judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Vouchsafe to the living mercy and grace, to the dead pardon and rest, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Minister. The glorious passion of our Lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of paradise. *Amen.*

Oh sorrow deep!
Who would not weep
With heartfelt pain and sighing!
God the Father's only Son
In the tomb is lying.

The Paschal Lamb,
Like Isaac's ram,
In blood was offered for us
Pouring out his life that he
Might to life restore us

Blest shall they be
Eternally
Who ponder in their weeping
That the glorious Prince of life
Should in death be sleeping

O Jesu blest,
My help and rest
With tears I pray thee, hear me:
Now, and even unto death
Dearest Lord, be near me.

*Words: Johann Rist, 1642; translated Charles Winfred Douglas, 1940.
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