

The Order for
the Administration
of the Ante-Communion
on the
Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin in Eastertide
May 13th, 2020 at 10 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.*

THE ANTE-COMMUNION

THE INTROIT

Psalm 45. *Eructavit cor meum.*

(Prayer Book p. 396)

A prophecy of Christ the incarnate Son of God, and the Church his bride, which was begun when the Son of God united himself to human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and will be brought to consummation in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

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.

The Praise of Christ

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.

Praise of the Church his Bride

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.

A promise to Christ

16 Instead of thy fathers, thou shalt have children,

* whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

17 I will make thy Name to be remembered

from one generation to another;

* therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee,
world without end.

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.

Minister. Alleluia, the Lord is risen

Answer. He is risen indeed, alleluia.

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.
Minister. And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

The Collect.

O GOD, who didst appoint that at the Cross of thy Son a sword should pierce through the soul of blessed Mary his mother: Grant unto us thy servants, that with her we may be delivered from present sorrow, and have the fruition of everlasting joy; through 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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Acts 1:12-14

Clerk. The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the 12th verse.

In those days: returned the apostles unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. ¹³ And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

The Gospel: St. John 19:25-27

Priest. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 19th chapter, beginning at the 25th verse.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by,

whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! ²⁷ Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

.Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed *said by all*

IBELIEVE 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 Rector

THE OFFERTORY

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Revelation 5:12

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 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,

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.

Closing Prayers

Antiphon (*said together*)

The crucified hath risen from the sepulchre, and redeemed us, alleluia, alleluia.

Minister. Tell it out among the heathen, alleluia.

Answer. That the Lord hath reigned from the tree, alleluia.

ALMIGHTY God, who for our sakes didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant to us thy servants; that we may attain unto the grace of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *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.