

The Order for Morning Prayer and  
the Ante-Communion  
on the  
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
July 2<sup>nd</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.

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 87.** *Fundamenta ejus.*

HER 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.

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.

The First Lesson: **Isaiah 7:10-14**

*The prophet foreshows the Virgin's motherhood.*

In those days: the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. <sup>13</sup> And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**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: Luke 1:26 – 38**

*The Angel Gabriel announces the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary.*

At that time: in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing shall be impossible. <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

**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**

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, the Light of the faithful and the Ruler of souls, Who hast hallowed us by the Incarnation of thy Word, and the Child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary; we beseech thee, let the power of thy Holy Spirit come also upon us, and the mercy of the Most Highest overshadow us; through the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same 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.

**T**HOU 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 lead the blessed Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth, to their exceeding joy and comfort: grant unto thy people, that as Mary did rejoice to be the called the Mother of our Lord, so we may ever rejoice to confess our faith in the Incarnation of thine only-begotten Son; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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

**The Lesson for the Epistle:** Song of Songs 2:8-14

**Clerk:** The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Song of Songs, which is Solomon's, beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse:

**T**HE voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. <sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. <sup>10</sup> My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. <sup>11</sup> For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; <sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; <sup>13</sup> The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. <sup>14</sup> O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

**The Gospel:** St. Luke 1:39-47

*Priest.* The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Luke, in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, beginning at the 39<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

**A**T that time: <sup>39</sup> And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; <sup>40</sup> And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: <sup>42</sup> And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. <sup>43</sup> And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, <sup>47</sup> And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

*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 Rector

## 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.*

