

The Order for
the Administration
of the Ante-Communion
on Ember Wednesday
in September

September 16th, 2020 at 10 a.m.

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 81. *Exultate Deo.*

SING we merrily unto God our strength;

* make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret,

* the merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,

* even in the time appointed,
and upon our solemn feast-day.

4 For this was made a statute for Israel,

* and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,

* when he came out of the land of Egypt,
and had heard a strange language.

6 I eased his shoulder from the burden,

* and his hands were delivered from making the pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee;

* and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.

8 I proved thee also

* at the waters of strife.

9 Hear, O my people; and I will assure thee, O Israel,

* if thou wilt hearken unto me,

- 10 There shall no strange god be in thee,
* neither shalt thou worship any other god.
- 11 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
* open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
- 12 But my people would not hear my voice;
* and Israel would not obey me;
- 13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts,
* and let them follow their own imaginations.
- 14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me!
* for if Israel had walked in my ways,
- 15 I should soon have put down their enemies,
* and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- 16 The haters of the LORD
should have submitted themselves unto him;
* but their time should have endured for ever.
- 17 I would have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour;
* and with honey out of the stony rock would I have satisfied 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.

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,*

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

The Collect of the Day.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that our frailty may be upheld by the healing of thy loving kindness: that what by its own nature is ready to decay, may by thy mercy be renewed; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Amos 9:13

Clerk. The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 9th chapter of the book of the prophet Amos, beginning at the 13th verse. *The restoration of the land to Israel.*

THUS saith the Lord God: Behold, the days come: that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed: and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel: and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them: and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof: they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land: and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them: saith the Lord thy God.

Another Lesson *which may be read.* Nehemiah 8:1-10

Clerk. Another Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 8th chapter of the book of Nehemiah, beginning at the 1st verse. *The restoration of the law to Israel.*

IN those days: all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. ² And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. ⁴ And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and

Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. ⁸ So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

The Gospel: St. Mark 9:17 *The restoration of the epileptic boy to health.*

Priest. The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, in the 9th chapter, beginning at the 17th verse.

Answer: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: one of the multitude answered and said unto Jesus: Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit: and wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him, and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not. He answereth him, and saith: O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him. And when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him: and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father: How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said: of a child. And

ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him. But if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him: If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears: Lord, I believe: help thou my unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him: Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him: and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him, and he was as one dead, insomuch that many said: He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately: Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them: This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Answer: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Address

THE OFFERTORY

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity. *Tobit iv.*

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.*

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.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, the people kneeling, the Priest (the Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.*

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*