

THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER

*abbreviated for worship with families*

ON THE

First Sunday after Easter

commonly called Low Sunday

April 11th, 2021 at 11 a.m.

This is the day which the LORD hath made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24



## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. *Proverbs 28:13*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say,*

Let us therefore humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### **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.**

*To be made 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.*

## Opening Versicles & Responses

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.

### The Easter Anthems:

**C**HRI<sup>S</sup>T our Passover is sacrificed for us :  
          therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven,  
          neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness :  
          but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 *Cor.* v. 7.

**C**HRI<sup>S</sup>T being raised from the dead dieth no more :  
          death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once :  
          but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin :  
          but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom.* vi. 9.

**C**HRI<sup>S</sup>T is risen from the dead :  
          and become the firstfruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death :  
          by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die :  
          even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

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

**Psalm 30.** *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

*A resurrection psalm of thanksgiving for deliverance from death.*

**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.

**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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-11** *God comforts and encourages his people with the assurance of his salvation.*

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness,  
ye that seek the LORD:  
look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,  
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

<sup>2</sup> Look unto Abraham your father,  
and unto Sarah that bare you:  
for I called him alone,  
and blessed him, and increased him.

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD shall comfort Zion:  
he will comfort all her waste places;  
and he will make her wilderness like Eden,  
and her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness shall be found therein,  
thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

<sup>4</sup> Hearken unto me, my people;  
and give ear unto me, O my nation:  
for a law shall proceed from me,  
and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near;

my salvation is gone forth,  
and mine arms shall judge the people;  
the isles shall wait upon me,  
and on mine arm shall they trust.  
<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look upon the earth beneath:  
for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,  
and the earth shall wax old like a garment,  
and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner:  
but my salvation shall be for ever,  
and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

<sup>7</sup> Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is my law;  
fear ye not the reproach of men,  
neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

<sup>8</sup> For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,  
and the worm shall eat them like wool:  
but my righteousness shall be for ever,  
and my salvation from generation to generation.

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength,  
O arm of the LORD;  
awake, as in the ancient days,  
in the generations of old.  
Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab,  
and wounded the dragon?

<sup>10</sup> Art thou not it which hath dried the sea,  
the waters of the great deep;  
that hath made the depths of the sea  
a way for the ransomed to pass over?

<sup>11</sup> Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return,  
and come with singing unto Zion;  
and everlasting joy shall be upon their head:  
they shall obtain gladness and joy;  
and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

**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 New Testament Lesson: St. John 20:19-31**

*The risen Lord appears to the disciples, and to Thomas.*

**A**T that time: the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. <sup>20</sup> And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: <sup>23</sup> Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. <sup>27</sup> Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. <sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. <sup>29</sup> Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

<sup>30</sup> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Children's Talk and the Address**

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

*Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ*

**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.**

### **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.

*Minister:* United in the confession of one Faith, one Lord, one God and  
Father of all, let us commend ourselves, one another, and the whole  
Church and people of God, to his watchful care.

I bid your prayers for the Church,  
and its unity in the truth;  
for our Country,  
and its peace, order, and good government;  
for the Clergy and People,  
and their faithfulness in worship and witness;  
for those who suffer (especially...)  
that they may have patience under their sufferings,  
and a happy issue from all afflictions;  
for those who have departed this life in Christ, and are at rest,  
(especially... ) that we with them may rise to glory.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

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

**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. 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 of the Day.**

**A**LMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 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.*

### **The 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 Offering**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx. 35.*

*A symbolic offering is presented at the altar.*

*Minister:* All things come of thee, O Lord,

*All:* and of thine own have we given thee.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

### **A General Thanksgiving (*may be said by all*).**

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be

unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing.**

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless ☩ you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

