

THE ORDER FOR

MORNING PRAYER

abbreviated for worship with families

ON THE

Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist,

being the Third Sunday after Easter

April 25th, 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*).

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.

To be made 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.*

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:

CHRIST 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.

CHRIST 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.

CHRIST 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.

GLORY 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 68. (1-10, 15-20, 32-35) *Exsurgat Deus.*

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
* let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away;
* and like as wax melteth at the fire,
so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God;
* let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name;
magnify him that rideth upon the heavens;
* praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a Father of the fatherless,
and defendeth the cause of the widows;
* even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,
and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity;
* but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people;
* when thou wentest through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of
God;
* even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,
who is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance,
* and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein;
* for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

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15 As the hill of Bashan, so is God's hill;
* even an high hill, as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why mock ye so, ye high hills?
 this is God's hill, in the which it pleaseth him to dwell;
* yea, the LORD will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
even thousands of angels;
* and the Lord is among them
 as in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high,
 thou hast led captivity captive,
and received gifts from men;
* yea, even from thine enemies,
 that the LORD God might dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily,
* even the God who helpeth us,
 and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation:
* GOD is the Lord, by whom we escape death.

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32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth;
* O sing praises unto the Lord;

33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the beginning:
* lo, he doth send out his voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel;
* his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places:
* even the God of Israel,
 he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7
Judgment on the unfruitful vineyard of the Lord.

Now will I sing to my wellbeloved
a song of my beloved touching his vineyard.

My wellbeloved hath a vineyard
in a very fruitful hill:

² And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof,
and planted it with the choicest vine,
and built a tower in the midst of it,
and also made a winepress therein:
and he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
and it brought forth wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and men of Judah,
judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

⁴ What could have been done more to my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes,
brought it forth wild grapes?

⁵ And now go to; I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof,
and it shall be eaten up;
and break down the wall thereof,
and it shall be trodden down:

⁶ And I will lay it waste:
it shall not be pruned, nor digged;
but there shall come up briars and thorns:
I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah
his pleasant plant:
and he looked for judgment,
but behold oppression;
for righteousness,
but behold a cry.

Canticle: *Te Deum laudamus.*

The praise of the Creator by the whole creation, and by the Church.

WE 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.

THOU 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 Lessons:

Ephesians 4:7 -13 *The gifts of the ascended Lord.*

BRETHREN: Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, “When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men” [Ps. 68]. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

St. John 15:1-7 *Christ the true vine.*

AT that time: Jesus said unto his disciples: I am the true vine, and my Father is the husband-man. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is

cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them. and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Children's Talk and the Address

Benedictus. *St. Luke i. 68.*

Thanksgiving for our redemption in Christ

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.

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.

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 of the Gospel;
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 in mind, body, and estate (especially...)
and their patience in afflictions and a happy outcome from them
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*)

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 Collects (of St. Mark's Day and Easter 3).

OALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through 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*).

ALMIGHTY 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.*

