

THE ORDER FOR

MORNING PRAYER

abbreviated for worship with families

ON THE

Fifth Sunday after Easter

commonly called Rogation Sunday

May 9th, 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.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *St. John* i. 8, 9.

¶ *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;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world
without end. Amen.

Psalm 66. *Jubilate Deo.*

Praise of God for his finished work of redemption that opens the gates of prayer.

OBE joyful in God, all ye lands;
* sing praises unto the honour of his Name;
make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works!
* through the greatness of thy power
shall thine enemies bow down unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee,
* sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

Remembering God's great works of deliverance done in times past – the Exodus

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God;
* how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
* so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations:
* and such as will not believe
shall not be able to exalt themselves.

All peoples called to praise God for a new act of deliverance from trouble

7 O praise our God, ye peoples,
* and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holdeth our soul in life;
* and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou, O God, hast proved us;
* thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare;
* and laideſt trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou ſufferedſt men to ride over our heads;
* we went through fire and water,
and thou broughteſt us out into a wealthy place.

Acknowledging God's goodness with ſacrifices of thanksgiving

12 I will go into thine houſe with burnt-offerings,
and will pay thee my vows,
* which I promiſed with my lips, and ſpake with my mouth,
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-ſacrifices,
with the incenſe of rams;
* I will offer bullocks and goats.

Bearing witness to God's goodness in answered prayer.

14 O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God;
* and I will tell you what he hath done for my ſoul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth,
* and gave him praiſes with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedneſs with mine heart,
* the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me;
* and conſidered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praiſed be God, who hath not caſt out my prayer,
* nor turned his mercy from me.

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 55:6-13 *A call to repentance; the mission of God's word accomplished and fulfilled.*

⁶ Seek ye the LORD while he may be found,
call ye upon him while he is near:

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him;
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven,
and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,
and maketh it bring forth and bud,
that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:
it shall not return unto me void,
but it shall accomplish that which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

¹² For ye shall go out with joy,
and be led forth with peace:
the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree,
and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree:
and it shall be to the LORD for a name,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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 Lesson:

St James 1:22-27 *The work we are given to finish.*

DEARLY Beloved: be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. ²⁶ If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. ²⁷ Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

St. John 16:23-30 (31-33) *The finished work of Christ.*

AT that time: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. ²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. ²⁶ At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: ²⁷ For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. ²⁸ I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. ²⁹ His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. ³⁰ Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

The lesson may end here or continue below:

³¹ Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? ³² Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. ³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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 (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*)

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 Collect.

OLORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; 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 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.*

