

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, March 31, 2021**  
**Wednesday in Holy Week**

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*Officiant 1* Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. *Hebrews 12:1*

*Officiant 2* ‘By this will everyone know that you are my disciples,’ says the Lord, ‘if you love one another.’ *John 13:35*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*Officiant 1* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant 2* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Officiant 1* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him.

***Psalm 100***

*Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence  
with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant 1* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him.

## **Psalm 70**

*Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse*

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and  
be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of Hosea**

*Hosea 6:1-3*

*Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse*

Come, let us return to our God, \*

who has torn us and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, \*  
after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, \*  
that in God's presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, \*  
whose justice dawns like morning light,  
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.

God's justice will come to us like a shower, \*  
like spring rains that water the earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

*Officiant 2* **A Reading from the Gospel according to John**

*John 13:21-32*

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do."

Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

*Officiant 2* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 1* Thanks be to God

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant 1*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* Let us pray.

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.

### **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

*Officiant 1* Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

*Officiant 1* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Mission*

## **The Peace and Greetings**

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

## **Thanksgivings and Intercessions**

*One of the Officiants prays concerns shared in Chat.*

## **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant 2* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*