

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
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Tuesday in Holy Week

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Officiant 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord hath afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

Officiant 2 Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies; it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12:24*

Confession of Sin

Officiant 1 Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. .

Silence

Officiant 1 Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant 2 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord 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 95:1-7

Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse

Come let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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Psalm 71:1-14*Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
 let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
 incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
 you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
 my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
 from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
 my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many; *
 but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise *
 and your glory all the day long.

Do not cast me off in my old age; *
 forsake me not when my strength fails.

For my enemies are talking against me, *
 and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.

They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him; *
 because there is none who will save."

O God, be not far from me; *
 come quickly to help me, O my God.

Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be
 disgraced; *
 let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and
 reproach.

But I shall always wait in patience, *
 and shall praise you more and more.

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 Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians***1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are
 perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the
 debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the
 world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know
 God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our
 proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs
 and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a
 stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those
 who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of
 God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than
 human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human
 strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you
 were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not
 many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the
 world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to
 shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the
 world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so
 that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source
 of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God,
 and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that,
 as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Officiant 1 The Word of the Lord*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of Ezekiel** *Ezekiel 36:24-28*
Said antiphonally breaking at the half verse

I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.
I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.
I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.
You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

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 12:20-36

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- `Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

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 (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Officiant 1 O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *The Collect of the Day*

Officiant 2 O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *A Collect for Peace*

Officiant 1 O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20, 21*