



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

## Confession of Sin

*¶ The Officiant says*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling*

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,  
spare thou those 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 Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution  and remission of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* 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. Alleluia.

¶ *All say the Pascha nostrum together, as follows*

Alleluia;

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,  
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

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. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, \*  
and become the first fruits 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. Alleluia.

*¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day*

**Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17**     *Dilexi, quoniam*

My delight is in the Lord; \*  
because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; \*  
therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about, \*  
and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the Lord; \*  
O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord \*  
for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation, \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: \*  
right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant; \*  
I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid;  
thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, \*  
and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people, \*  
in the courts of the Lord's house; even in the midst of thee,  
O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

*¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

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

## The First Lesson

I PETER 1:17-23

**I**F YOU INVOKE AS FATHER him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake. Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

## Canticle

*Cantemus Domino*

EXODUS 15:1-6. 11-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; \*  
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, \*  
and he is become my salvation:

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; \*  
my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: \*  
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: \*  
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: \*  
they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: \*  
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, \*  
the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: \*  
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them \*  
in the mountain of thine inheritance,

In the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; \*  
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and ever.

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.

*¶ All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

LUKE 24:13-35

**T**HAT VERY DAY TWO OF THEM were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

**Canticle**      *Te Deum laudamus*

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.

*¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

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.

## The Prayers

‡ *The Officiant and People say the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

‡ *Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling*

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.

‡ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let thy way be known upon earth;  
*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

## The Collects

**O** GOD, WHOSE BLESSED SON did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*¶ People Amen.*

**O** GOD, WHO MAKEST US GLAD with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

**O** HEAVENLY FATHER, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together*

**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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

**A**Lmighty GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved  
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the  
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be  
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life  
everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

### Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ¶ *People Amen.*

## Closing Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

¶ *All kneel*

¶ *Then Prayers and Intercessions are offered*

## The Easter Blessing

**M**AY ALMIGHTY GOD, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. ¶ *People Amen.*

And the blessing ✝ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ¶ *People Amen.*

## *Liturgical Music*

The music prior to the liturgy is the *Allemande in G minor* of François Couperin (1668-1733). It was recorded at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music by Kendra Mack, violinist and Robert Lehman, harpsichordist.

The recording of *O Living Bread!* by Percy Whitlock is sung by the Choir of the Church of St. Michael & St. George under the direction of Robert Lehman, Organist and Choirmaster.

O Living Bread! who once didst die,  
and lay Thee down in rocky tomb:  
within my heart for ever lie,  
and shed Thy brightness o'er its gloom.

O precious Blood! so freely shed.  
sweet pledge of pardon from above:  
Speak to my heart so cold and dead,  
and wake it into Life and Love.

O Sacred Food! O Cleansing Tide!  
Fill all my soul with Love divine:  
O Thou who didst my life redeem:  
Come to my heart and make me Thine.  
Amen.

*Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)*

*Music: Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

The organ voluntary following the liturgy is the Chorale-Prelude on *Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today the Son of God triumphs)* by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). It was recorded by Nicholas Bideler on the organ at the Church of St. Michael & St. George.



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