



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Great Litany and Order for Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

The Great Litany *¶ Said kneeling*

Litanist O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;
neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy
preserve us for ever.
People Spare us, good Lord.

Litanist From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;
and from everlasting damnation,
People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy,
hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
People Good Lord, deliver us.

Litanist From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world,
the flesh, and the devil,
People Good Lord, deliver us.

- Litanist* From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
People Good Lord, deliver us.
- Litanist* We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

- Litanist* That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the President-Elect, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
- Litanist* That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and
to turn their hearts,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the
weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under
our feet,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed ✠ eternal life and
peace,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin
Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints, we
may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Litanist Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Litanist O Christ, hear us.
People O Christ, hear us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Christ, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Litanist Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *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.

¶ *All say the Invitatory Canticle together, as follows*

Invitatory Canticle

Jubilare Deo

PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day*

O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me. *
Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine uprising;
thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed; *
and art acquainted with all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, *
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, *
and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me; *
I cannot attain unto it.

For my reins are thine; *
thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: *
marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, *
though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; *
and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God; *
O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: *
when I wake up, I am present with thee.

¶ 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 SAMUEL 3:1-20

NOW THE BOY SAMUEL WAS MINISTERING to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel, at which the two ears of every one that hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I tell him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever." Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.

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

Canticle

Surge, illuminare

ISAIAH 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, *
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, *
and gross darkness the people:
But the Lord shall arise upon thee, *
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, *
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; *
they shall not be shut day nor night.

They shall call thee, The city of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, *
wasting nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, *
and thy gates Praise.
The sun shall be no more thy light by day; *
neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:
But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, *
and thy God thy glory.

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

JOHN 1:43-51

THE NEXT DAY JESUS DECIDED TO GO TO GALILEE. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Beth-sa'ida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathan'a-el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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

Canticle *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

LUKE 1:68-79

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 dayspring 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 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 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

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE SON OUR SAVIOR Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *¶ People Amen.*

O GOD, THE KING ETERNAL, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *¶ People Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together

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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

ALmighty 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.

People Thanks be to God.

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.*

Hymn

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Words: John Morrison (1749-1798)

Music: DUNDEE: The CL Psalmes of David, 1615

Sermon

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinston

Anthem

Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation, saving
Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are; our healer be;
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love,
one with him be-yond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Words: James Quinn (1919–2010)
Music: Richard Dirksen (1921–2003)

The Blessing

GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD IN PEACE; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
✚ *People Amen.*

Liturgical Music

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1679-1749) was a French organist and composer who led a distinguished career. His style is the full fruition of the French “Classical” school – what the rest of the world would refer to as “Baroque.” This morning’s liturgy features two of his works: it opens with a *Duo*, performed by Oboe d’Amore and Bassoon and closes with a string *Trio*.

The people who in darkness walked is a paraphrase of Isaiah 9:2-7 which is built around the theme of “Light,” central to the Epiphany season. A product of the work of a committee of ministers and elders of the Scottish Church, this hymn came about in the vicissitudes of Scottish life between the repression of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the “Scottish Enlightenment.”

Richard Wayne Dirksen was the Canon Precentor (the first lay person ever to hold that position in the Anglican Communion) and Organist and Choirmaster of the Washington National Cathedral. His plainsong-like setting of the text *Word of God come down on earth*, the work of a Scottish Jesuit priest, was composed for the National Cathedral Association – at the time the primary fund-raising arm of the cathedral foundation which worked tirelessly to fund the completion of the cathedral.



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