



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Order for Morning Prayer

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

Opening Sentences

Officiant I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

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.

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

Invitatory Canticle

Venite, exultemus

PSALM 95:1-7, 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

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 Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; *
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, *
and gather together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart, *
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars, *
and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power; *
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek, *
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; *
sing praises upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth; *
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle, *
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse; *
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him, *
and put their trust in his mercy. Hallelujah!

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

Glorify 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

ISAIAH 40:21-31

HAVE YOU NOT KNOWN? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nought, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hid from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary, his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle

Canticle

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

SONG OF THE THREE YOUNG MEN: 35-65

- O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.
- O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

- O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *
- O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
- O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

- O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
- O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
- O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

- O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
- O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
- O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

¶ All are seated

The Second Lesson

MARK 1:29-39

AND IMMEDIATELY JESUS LEFT THE SYNAGOGUE, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever, and immediately they told him of her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her; and she served them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle

Canticle *Magna et mirabilia*

REVELATION 15:34

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
 great deeds are they that thou hast done, *
 surpassing human understanding.
Thy ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
 O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do thee homage, Lord,
 and sing the praises of thy Name? *
 for thou only art the holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before thee, *
 because thy just and holy works have been revealed.

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

SET US FREE, O GOD, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *¶ 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.*

A LMIGHTY 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

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*

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 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: *Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt.*

Music: *ST. DENIO, Welsh tune from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839;*

adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1936, alt.

Anthem

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

Words: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

Music: RESTORATION; Southern Harmony; arr. Robert Lehman

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*

GRANT, WE BESEECH THEE, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ‡ *People Amen.*

ALmighty AND EVERLASTING GOD, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ‡ *People Amen.*

ALmighty AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, let thy compassion be shown to all who suffer, and to all who are stricken with sorrow. Use us to comfort them as we are able, and what we cannot do for them, be pleased thyself to do; that in the mystery of thy love they may find peace and healing and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ‡ *People Amen.*

OLORD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto but to minister: Bless, we beseech thee, all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ‡ *People Amen.*

OGOD, who hast bound us together in a common life; Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ‡ *People Amen.*

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

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

Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-1687) is thought to be the father of modern opera and the master of the French Classic (Baroque) style. He also is credited with the practice of first conducting an orchestra. Rather than a silent baton, he employed a large stick which he pounded on the floor to keep time. An unfortunate accident with the stick caused a grave infection in his foot which ultimately led to his death. The *Air Tendre* which begins today's liturgy is a fine example of his charming style.

This morning's hymn draws its inspiration from scripture: 1 Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever." The climactic thought is that of God being made invisible, hidden by the splendor of light.

Today's anthem, a setting of the early American text, "I will arise and go to Jesus," has long been a favorite among aficionados of early American folk music. The sturdy, driving melody is indicative of the rugged frontier and the hearty people who inhabited it. Their faith, a strict, conservative Protestantism, is also reflected in the simplicity of the melody.

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) needs no introduction. He was a prolific composer and this morning the liturgy concludes with his *Gigue* from his keyboard *Suite in F minor*, arranged for strings.



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