



EVENING PRAYER – RITE TWO

Beginning on page 115 BCP – Thursday, March 26, 2020

The Officiant begins the service with this sentence – The officiant will be you or a member of your family.

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

The following Confession of Sin may then be said;

Confession of Sin – Page 116 BCP

The Officiant says to the people

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

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People say together – Page 116 BCP

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.

A lay person says the following – Page 80 BCP

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.

People: Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter – Page 117 BCP

All stand

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

**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.**

O Gracious Light – Page 118 BCP

Officiant: Let us say O Gracious Light together.

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Then follows

The Psalm Appointed – (4th Lent – Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Pg.955 BCP)

Psalm 73:1-28

Reader: A reading from Psalm 73.

Plea for Relief from Oppressors

Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. 2. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. 3. For I

was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4. For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. 5. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people. 6. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment. 7. Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. 8. They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. 9. They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues range over the earth. 10. Therefore the people turn and praise them, and find no fault in them.

11. And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" 12. Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

13. All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

14. For all day long I have been plagued, and am punished every morning.

15. If I had said, "I will talk on in this way," I would have been untrue to the circle of your children. 16. But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, 17. until I went into the sanctuary of God;

then I perceived their end. 18. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. 19. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! 20. They are like a dream when one awakes; on awaking you despise their phantoms. 21. When my soul was embittered,

when I was pricked in heart, 22. I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you. 23. Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. 24. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. 25. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. 26. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27. Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you. 28. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, to tell of all your works.

**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 Lesson - (4th Lent – Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Pg. 955 BCP)

The Gospel – Mark 8:27-38 – 9:1

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

27. Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28. And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29. He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30. And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

34. He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37. Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38. Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." 9:1. And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power." (*Silence*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary – The Magnificat – Page 119 BCP

Luke 1:46-55

Officiant: Let us say the Magnificat together.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: *the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him *in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, *he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, *and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy, The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for 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.**

The Apostles' Creed – Page 120 BCP

Officiant: Let us say the Apostles' Creed together

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 – Page 121 BCP

Officiant : The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant : Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

The Suffrage: B – Page 122 BCP

Officiant: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

People: We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant: That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be

condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

Officiant: That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People: *We entreat you, O Lord.*

The Officiant then says one or more of the following collects, beginning with the Collect of the Day (Sunday's). Family members may also take turns praying these prayers.

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Page 219 BCP

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Ash Wednesday – Page 217 BCP

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

***A Collect for Sundays* – Page 123 BCP**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Peace – Page 123 BCP

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot

give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against Perils – Page 123 BCP

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Collect for Protection – Page 124 BCP

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Presence of Christ – Page 123 BCP

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

A Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap

our arms around each other let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, whose arms of love embrace us all. **Amen.** *Cameron Wiggins Bellm (alt.)*

A prayer about the Coronavirus Outbreak

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

For Those in Isolation

God of compassion be close to those who are ill, afraid, or in isolation, especially members of the Church of the Incarnation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission – Page 124 BCP

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Please offer your prayers of intercessions and thanksgiving.

At the close of the office these prayers are said

The General Thanksgiving – Page 125 BCP

Officiant and People

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom – Page 126 BCP

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.*

Then is said

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then concludes with the following

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

2 Corinthians 13:14 **People: *Amen.***

THE END OF THURSDAY'S EVENING PRAYER