



THE DAILY OFFICE FOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

Saturday, March 28th, 2020 – Year: 2 – Page 955 BCP

MORNING PRAYER – RITE TWO

Beginning on page 76 BCP – Saturday, March 28, 2020

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

Lent

Officiant: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.

Daniel 9:9, 10.

The following Confession of Sin may then be said;

Confession of Sin – Page 79 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 79 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 80 BCP

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

In Lent – Page 81 BCP

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 – Page 82 BCP*

Officiant: Let us say the Venite together

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. *

Then follows

The Psalms Appointed – (4th Lent – Saturday, March 28 – Pg. 955 BCP)

Psalm 107:33-43

Officiant: We will read Psalm 107 together.

33. He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, 34. a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants. 35. He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. 36. And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; 37. they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield. 38. By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their cattle decrease. 39. When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, trouble, and sorrow, 40. he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; 41. but he raises up the needy out of distress, and makes their families like flocks. 42. The upright see it and are glad; and all wickedness stops its mouth. 43. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

**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.**

Psalm 108:1-13

Officiant: We will read Psalm 108 together.

Praise and Prayer for Victory

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. 3. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations. 4. For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. 5. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. 6. Give victory with your right

hand, and answer me, so that those whom you love may be rescued. 7. God has promised in his sanctuary:

"With exultation I will divide up Shechem, and portion out the Vale of Succoth. 8. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is my scepter. 9. Moab is my washbasin; on Edom I hurl my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph." 10. Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? 11. Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. 12. O grant us help against the foe, for human help is worthless. 13. With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

**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 - (4th Lent – Saturday, March 28, 2020 – Pg. 955 BCP)

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 2:23-24 – 3:1-15

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus

2:23. After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. 24. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Moses at the Burning Bush

3:1. Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4. When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5. Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6. He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8. and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11. But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12. He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

13. But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14. God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15. God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations. (*Silence*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 12 – A Song of Creation – Page 88

Officiant: Let us read Canticle 12 together

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,* praise him and highly exalt him for ever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord,*praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,*praise him and highly exalt him for ever. You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;*praise him and highly exalt him for ever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,*praise him and highly exalt him 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 Epistle – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

The Gift of Love

1.If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2.And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3.If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4.Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5.or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6.it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7.It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8.Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9.For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; 10.but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. 11.When I was a child, I

spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. 12. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (*Silence*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 - The Song of The Redeemed – Page 94

Revelation 15:3-4

Officiant: Let us read Canticle 19 together

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,* surpassing human understanding. Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * O King of all the ages. Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? * for you only are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and fall down before you,* because your 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.**

The Apostles' Creed

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

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 98 BCP

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

The Officiant then says the following Collects, beginning with the Collect of the Day. 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.*

Prayers to begin each day during this time

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

A Prayer in Confusion

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die: in our grief and shock contain and comfort us; embrace us with your love, give us hope in our confusion, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *By Janet Morley*

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 Collect for Grace – Page 100 BCP

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance - Page 100 BCP

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission – Page 100 BCP

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their

vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please offer your prayers of intercessions and thanksgiving.

At the close of the office these prayers are said

The General Thanksgiving – Page 101 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 102 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: 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. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

People: *Amen.*

THE END OF SATURDAY'S MORNING PRAYER