



THE DAILY OFFICE FOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020 – Year: 2 – Page 955 BCP

MORNING PRAYER – RITE TWO

Beginning on page 76 BCP - Wednesday, March 25, 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

All stand

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 – Wednesday, 25, 2020 – Pg. 955 BCP)

Psalm 101:1- – Page BCP

Officiant: We will read Psalm 101 together.

A Sovereign's Pledge of Integrity and Justice

¹ I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing. ² I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; ³ I will not set before my eyes anything that is base. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. ⁴ Perverseness of heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil ⁵ One who secretly slanders a neighbor I will destroy. A haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not tolerate. ⁶ I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, so that they may live with me; whoever walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. ⁷ No one who practices deceit shall remain in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue in my presence. ⁸ Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all evildoers from the city 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 109:1-30

Officiant: We will read Psalm 109 together.

Prayer for Vindication and Vengeance

¹ Do not be silent, O God of my praise. ² For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. ³ They beset me with words of hate, and attack me

without cause. ⁴ In return for my love they accuse me, even while I make prayer for them. ⁵ So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love. ⁶ They say, "Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand on his right. ⁷ When he is tried, let him be found guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin. ⁸ May his days be few; may another seize his position. ⁹ May his children be orphans, and his wife a widow. ¹⁰ May his children wander about and beg; may they be driven out of the ruins they inhabit. ¹¹ May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil. ¹² May there be no one to do him a kindness, nor anyone to pity his orphaned children. ¹³ May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation. ¹⁴ May the iniquity of his father be remembered before the LORD, and do not let the sin of his mother be blotted out. ¹⁵ Let them be before the LORD continually, and may his memory be cut off from the earth. ¹⁶ For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor and needy and the brokenhearted to their death. ¹⁷ He loved to curse; let curses come on him. He did not like blessing; may it be far from him. ¹⁸ He clothed himself with cursing as his coat, may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones. ¹⁹ May it be like a garment that he wraps around himself, like a belt that he wears every day." ²⁰ May that be the reward of my accusers from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my life. ²¹ But you, O LORD my Lord, act on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me. ²² For I am poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me. ²³ I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. ²⁴ My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt. ²⁵ I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads. ²⁶ Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your steadfast love. ²⁷ Let them know that this is your hand; you, O LORD, have done it. ²⁸ Let them curse, but you will bless. Let my assailants be put to shame;^[f] may your servant be glad. ²⁹ May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a mantle. ³⁰ With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng.

**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 – Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Pg. 955 BCP)

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 50:15-26

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached^[a] Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept,^[b] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Joseph's Last Days and Death

²² So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived one hundred ten years. ²³ Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees. ²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." ²⁵ So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, "When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here." ²⁶ And Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt. (*Silence*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14 - A Song of Penitence – Page 90 BCP

Officiant: Let us read Canticle 14 together

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,* God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all their righteous offspring: You made the heavens and the earth, * with all their vast array. All things quake with fear at your presence;* they tremble because of your power. But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;*it surpasses all that our minds can fathom. O Lord, you are full of compassion,* long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. You hold back your hand;*you do not punish as we deserve. In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners,* that they may repent of their sin and be saved. And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,*and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,*and I know my wickedness only too well. Therefore I make this prayer to you:*Forgive me, Lord, forgive me. Do not let me perish in my sin,*nor condemn me to the depths of the earth. For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,*and in me you will show forth your goodness. Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy,*and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life. For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,*and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

**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 12:1-11

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

Spiritual Gifts

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed

and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (*Silence*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah – Page 92

Luke 1: 68-79

Officiant: Let us read Canticle 16 together

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,* from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers* and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who

dwell in darkness and 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.**

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*

A Prayer 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 WEDNESDAY'S MORNING PRAYER