

Morning Prayer

Good Friday

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

Invitatory and Psalter

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Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 95

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 shew 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.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts *

as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me *

proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said *

It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I swear in my wrath *
that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm 22

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me *
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?
O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not *
and in the night-season also I take no rest.
And thou continuest holy *
O thou worship of Israel.
Our fathers hoped in thee *
they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.
They called upon thee, and were holpen *
they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.
But as for me, I am a worm, and no man *
a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.
All they that see me laugh me to scorn *
they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,
He trusted in God, that he would deliver him *
let him deliver him, if he will have him.
But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb *
thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.
I have been left unto thee ever since I was born *
thou art my God even from my mother's womb.
O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand *
and there is none to help me.
Many oxen are come about me *
fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.
They gape upon me with their mouths *
as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.
I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint *
my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums *
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.
For many dogs are come about me *
and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.
They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones *
they stand staring and looking upon me.
They part my garments among them *
and cast lots upon my vesture.
But be not thou far from me, O Lord *
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
Deliver my soul from the sword *
my darling from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth *
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
I will declare thy Name unto my brethren *
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him *
 magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor *
 he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
 My praise is of thee in the great congregation *
 my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
 The poor shall eat, and be satisfied *
 they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord *
 and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
 For the kingdom is the Lord's *
 and he is the Governor among the people.
 All such as be fat upon earth *
 have eaten, and worshipped.
 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him *
 and no man hath quickened his own soul.
 My seed shall serve him *
 they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness *
 unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Gen. 22:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

10. The Second Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

The Second Lesson

John 13:36-38

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

18. A Song to the Lamb

Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

The Apostles' Creed

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**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

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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Good Friday

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the

cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

The General Thanksgiving

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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.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Romans 15:13