

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

Sextuagesima Sunday February 23, 2025

COMMUNION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

It is the Anglican practice to invite everyone who has been baptized with water in the name of the Trinity and is in love and charity with their neighbor to receive communion.

When you come forward, please kneel on the alter railing and a priest will offer you the bread. If you leave the bread in your hand it communicates to the chalice bearer that you want them to intinct (i.e., dip) the bread into the wine and place it into your mouth. If you consume it immediately it communicates to the chalice bearer that you want to drink from the common cup. If you choose to drink from the common cup please do help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice with your thumb and index finger to avoid any spilling.

If you are not baptized or choose not to receive communion, you may still come forward. Simply cross your arms over your chest and receive God's blessing.

THE PROCESSIONAL #436 I Heard the Voice of Jesus say



THE OPENING & WELCOME

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. St. John 4:23

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

THE CONFESSION (BCP p. 7)

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, kneeling and saying together—

Please kneel.

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, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, 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 DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. + He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

THE PRECES

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

Minister O God make speed to save us. Answer O Lord make haste to help us.

Please stand.

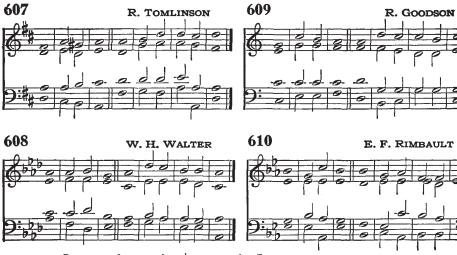
Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

without end. Amen.

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

THE FIRST CANTICLE - (Venite, exultemus Domino #610)



- 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.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; * and the strength of the hills is | his also.
- 5 The sea is | his and · he made it;
 * and his hands pre pared · the dry land.
- 6 O come let us worship and | fall down,
 * and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our God;
 * and we are the people of his pasture,
 and the | sheep of his hand.
- 8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;* and with righteousness to judge the world,and the | peoples with his truth.

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 PSALM (Psalm 71; BCP p. 361)

Please remain standing.

IN thee, O LORD, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion,

- * but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
- 2 Be thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort:
- * thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence, and my castle.
- 3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly,
- * out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
- 4 For thou, O Lord GOD, art the thing that I long for:
- * thou art my hope, even from my youth.
- 5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born:
- * thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall be always of thee.
- 6 I am become as it were a monster unto many,
- * but my sure trust is in thee.
- 7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise,
- * that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.
- 8 Cast me not away in the time of age;
- * forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
- 9 For mine enemies speak against me;
- * and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying, 10 God hath forsaken him;
- * persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.
- II Go not far from me, O God;
- * my God, haste thee to help me.
- 12 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul;
- * let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.
- 13 As for me, I will patiently abide alway,
- * and will praise thee more and more.
- 14 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation;
- * for I know no end thereof.

- 15 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord GOD,
- * and will make mention of thy righteousness only.
- 16 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now;
- * therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.
- 17 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed,
- * until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.
- 18 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high,
- * and great things are they that thou hast done: O God, who is like unto thee!
- 19 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou showed me! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me;
- * yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.
- 20 Thou hast brought me to great honour,
- * and comforted me on every side:
- 21 Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, playing upon an instrument of music:
- * unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 22 My lips will be glad when I sing unto thee;
- * and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.
- 23 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long;
- * for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

Minister 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 FIRST LESSON (2 Corinthians 11:19-31)

Please be seated, for the FIRST lesson.

Roger Cooper

Reader

Here begins the nineteenth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. Paul's second Epistle to the Corinthians.

19 For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! 20 For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. 21 To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. 22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; 27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. 31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Answer Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND CANTICLE - (Benedictus, es Domine #623)

Please stand.



BLESSED art thou, O Lord | God of · our fathers:

- * praised and exalted above all for ever.
- 2 Blessed art thou for the | Name of thy Majesty:

 * praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 3 Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness: * praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest be tween the Cherubim:
 praised and exalted above all for ever.
- 5 Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of thy kingdom: * praised and exalted above | all for ever.
- 6 Blessed art thou in the firma|ment of heaven:
 * praised and exalted above | all for ever.
 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 SECOND LESSON (St.Luke 8:4-15)

Please be seated, for the SECOND lesson.

The Rev. Henry Birkinbine

Reader

Here begins the fourth verse of the eight chapter of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' II Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

Answer

Thanks be to God.

THE THIRD CANTICLE (Jubilate Deo #646)

Please stand.

O BE joyful in the LORD | all ye lands:

- * serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
- Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;
 it is he that hath made us and not | we ourselves;
 * we are his people and the | sheep of his pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;
 * be thankful unto him and | speak | good of · his Name.
- For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
 * and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 APOSTLE'S CREED (BCP p. 16)

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 SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 17)

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us. Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us

Please kneel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 147)

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE (BCP p. 17)

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR GRACE (BCP p. 17)

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY (BCP P. 17)

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant Donald, our President, Gavin, the Governor of our State, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and f inally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN (BCP 20)

OGOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our (silent) prayers are desired;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP 21)

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 honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14 (BCP p. 21)

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collect for birthdays: WATCH over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be, keeping him unspotted from the world. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

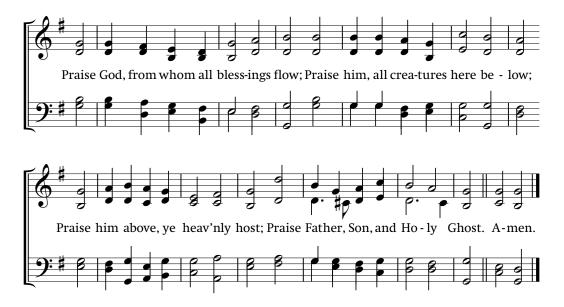
Mr. Ken Samples

OFFERTORY HYMN #491 "The Church's one Foundation"

Please remain seated, and then stand during the final stanza.



THE DOXOLOGY



THE OFFERING

ALL things come of thee, O LORD, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:14

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy Spirit.

Minsiter. Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presbyter. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT



THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, *so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The Priest and the People together sing:



THE DISTRIBUTION

Then shall the Presbyter first receive the Communion in both kinds himself, and then proceed to deliver the same to the Bishops, Presbyters, and Deacons, in like manner, and after that to the people also in order, into their hands, all devoutly kneeling.

*NOTE: If you would like your wafer intincted, please leave it in your hand and the chalicebearer will intinct for you and place it in your mouth.

**NOTE: If you would like a blesing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all partakers of the Holy Communion, may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Then together shall be said,

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Then, the people kneeling, the Presbyter shall let them depart with this BLESSING.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Minsiter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #498 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Please stand.



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Christ's Chapel Anglican Church is a parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC). The REC is a founding jurisdiction of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

Wherever you have come from, and whoever you are, we hope that you feel at home with us here. If this is your first time here, please introduce yourself after the service. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you better!

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