

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 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

Please **stand** as the clergy and servers enter.

THE INTROIT #97 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"



THE OPENING & WELCOME

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel 2:13

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

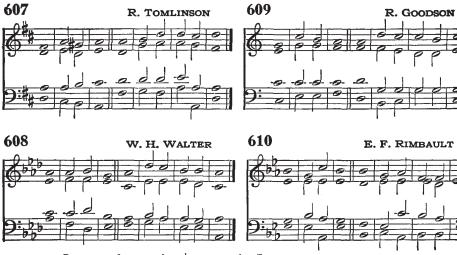
Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world

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.
- 3 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 122; BCP p. 433)

Please remain standing.

Laudate Dominum.

- I WAS glad when they said unto me,
- * We will go into the house of the LORD.
- 2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates,
- * O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city
- * that is at unity in itself.
- 4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD,
- * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there is the seat of judgement,
- * even the seat of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
- * they shall prosper that love thee.
- 7 Peace be within thy walls,
- * and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
- * I will wish thee prosperity.
- 9 Yea, because of the house of the LORD our God,
- * I will seek to do thee good.

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 (Ezekiel 39:21-29)

Please be seated, for the FIRST lesson.

Roger Cooper

Reader

Here begins the twenty first verse of the thirty-ninth chapter of the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

21 "And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. 22 The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward. 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. 24 I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

25 "Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, 27 when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. 28 Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. 29 And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God."

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.
- 4 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 firmalment 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 (Galatians 4:21-31)

Please be seated, for the SECOND lesson.

Dirk Dallas

Reader Here begin

Here begins the twenty-first verse of the fourth chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians.

21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? 22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. 23 But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. 24 Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. 25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. 27 For it is written,

"Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than those of the one who has a husband."

28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. 29 But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. 30 But what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman." 31 So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON (St. John 6:1-14)

The Rector

Reader Here begins the first verse of the sixth chapter of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

I After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. II Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

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

THE THIRD CANTICLE (Benedictus #639)

Please stand.



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel;

- * for he hath visited and re deemed his **peo**ple:
- And hath raised up a mighty sal vation for us,
 * in the house of his | servant David;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, * which have | been · since the | world began;
- 4 That we should be saved | from our enemies,* and from the hand of | all that hate us.

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)

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.

Please kneel.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 156)

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR LENT (BCP p. 150)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those 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 thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE (BCP p. 17)

OGOD, 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 U.S. AND ALL OTHERS IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

O LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN

GOD, 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

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 may 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

Please be seated.

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

THE SERMON

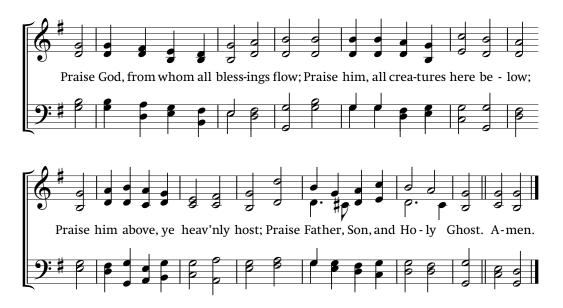
The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN #100- "Christian Dost Thou See Them?"

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 chalice-bearer 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.

THE RECESSIONAL

During Lent, there is NO recessional hymn. Please wait for the clergy and servers to exit before leaving your seats.

Welcome to Christ's Chapel Anglican Church

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!

Families with children are also most welcome. We offer Children's Church in the narthex during the sermon – please, ask a Welcomer for more information if you would like to join.

After service please join us for coffee and treats in the courtyard.



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