



Friday, April 26, 2024, Friday after the fourth Sunday of Easter ☞ 8 am

**\*\*Morning Prayer: Rite One\*\***

**The Invitatory and Gloria Patri**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**

Invitatory is said responsively.

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips. (+)

*All* ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

Gloria Patri is **said by 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.***

**Antiphon (appointed for the Season)**

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Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

***All: ... O come let us adore him. Alleluia!***

**Psalter**

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Said "*in unison*" **by All**

***Jubilate Psalm 100***

**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.**

**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.**

**Antiphon (appointed for the Season – same as above)**

**BCP p. 81**

Officiant: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

***All: ... O come let us adore him. Alleluia!***

**Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine***

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name, \*  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear my prayer, O God; \***  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup> For the insolent have risen against me; \*  
the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> **But surely, God is my helper; \***  
**the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

<sup>5</sup> He will repay my enemies for their evil. \*  
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup> **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; \***  
**I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father...)**

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Said by *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 First Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens <sup>2</sup>and sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, <sup>3</sup>so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. <sup>4</sup>In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. <sup>5</sup>For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor had been in vain.

<sup>6</sup>But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, just as we long to see you. <sup>7</sup>For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. <sup>8</sup>For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## The First Cantic

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Said “*in unison*” by All

### 2 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine* *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwell between the Cherubim; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

## Second Lesson – the Gospel

### Matthew 5:27–37

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

## The Second Canticle

EOW or BCP

Said “*in unison*” by All

### 4 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a might salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in 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.

### Apostles' Creed

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Said by All – Standing, facing the altar.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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.

*All* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer is said in unison by **All**.

***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 Suffrages**

*Note: The Officiant will say the lines marked "V." and the others will respond with the lines marked "R."*

#### **A**

- 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.

### **The Collects for the Day**

Said aloud – participants are chosen to read one or more Collect.

#### **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Collect for Friday after the fourth Sunday of Easter**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with thee and thy Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

O Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Note: The Officiant will invite congregants to offer prayers or thanksgivings, as they desire, aloud or silently. The Officiant may also offer prayers for the community.*

**Concluding Payers**

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**The 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 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.***

Officiant: "Let us Bless the Lord" (+)

**All: "Thanks be to God."**

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

**All: "Amen"**