



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MORNING PRAYER

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*M*orning Prayer is an ancient service dating back to the founding of the first monastic Orders. During the Reformation, those who crafted the first Book of Common Prayer wanted to make services that had been used almost exclusively by monks and clergy accessible to everyone. Hence Morning Prayer became one of the central services of worship for the fledging Anglican (and later Episcopal) Church tradition.

We invite you to dwell in the optional periods of silence for reflection and contemplation.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

MORNING PRAYER

Opening Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Hymnal 559

1) Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

3) Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

2) Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us;
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
yet unfearing, persevering,
to thy passion thou didst go.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt.

Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782;
adapt. *Collection of Motetts or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

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*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

Confession of Sin

BCP 41-42

Presider Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Presider and People

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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those 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.*

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Presider 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.*
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

Venite (*spoken*)

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. 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. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.



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- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

At the end of the Psalms is sung

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.*

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.*

Second Lesson**1 Peter 3:18-22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel**Mark 1:9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon**The Rev. Bailey Norman**

Hymn**Lord Jesus, think on me****Hymnal 641**

1) Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from harmful passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

2) Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

3) Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

4) Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is passed,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Words: Synesius of Cyrene (375?-414?); tr. Allen William Chatfield (1808-1896), alt.

Music: Southwell, from *Daman's Psalter*, 1579; adapt. *Hymnal* 1982:

The Apostles' Creed**BCP 53**

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison*)**BCP 54**

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.*

Suffrages B**BCP 55**

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.
V. Day by day we magnify thee;
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
R. As our trust is in thee.
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

Prayers of the People, Form II**BCP 385**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Steve, our clergy ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially ...].

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Timothy's in Kingsport; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, Grace Church, Huron, SD, Ascension, Blackfoot, SD; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

We pray for our parish members Shari Carter, Elizabeth, Adam and Rebecca Cavender, William, Ellis and Tate, Scott and Kathy Chippendale, Tom and Deboarah Clary, Jeff and Kelly Cooper, Emily. We pray for those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Jay Brooks, Brian Bussel, Courtenay Clary, Seth Howell, Bobby Johnson, Seth Knazovich, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, Aaron Volk, Kyle Zirkel.

We pray especially for Todd Shearer, Courtney Sigmon, and Connie and Robert Trieber; for those in the hospital: John Trieber; and for those in assisted living: Earl Eversole, John Joyce, Mary Anne King, and Dot Skinner.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially ...whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Blessings for Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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.*

Closing Hymn

Forty days and forty nights

Hymnal 150

- 1) Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2) Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3) Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

- 4) So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
- 5) Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Solemn Collect

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

BCP 102

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Civil Conversations in Uncivil Times: For four weeks in Lent, we will examine how we can engage in constructive dialogue and where God may be purposefully leading us, both individually and collectively.

Live classes will be held via Zoom after church (10:30 to 11:30 a.m.) on Sundays February 21, 28, March 7 and March 14, 2021. Recordings will be posted to the St. Stephen's YouTube channel for subsequent viewing.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY**YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

Join Fr. Bailey this Lenten season as he explores this eccentric and marvelous book of the Bible. During Lent, we will publish videos Monday through Friday that will take you through the entire book, explaining its meaning and relevance to how God calls us to live today. The study began on Ash Wednesday and is available on our YouTube channel. Please join us!

COMPLINE**THURSDAYS**

Join us at 8 p.m. for a live service of Compline on Thursdays evenings, from February 18 to March 19, 2021 over Zoom. Parishioners can also call in using the phone number 646-558-8656, if they do not feel comfortable using Zoom.

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