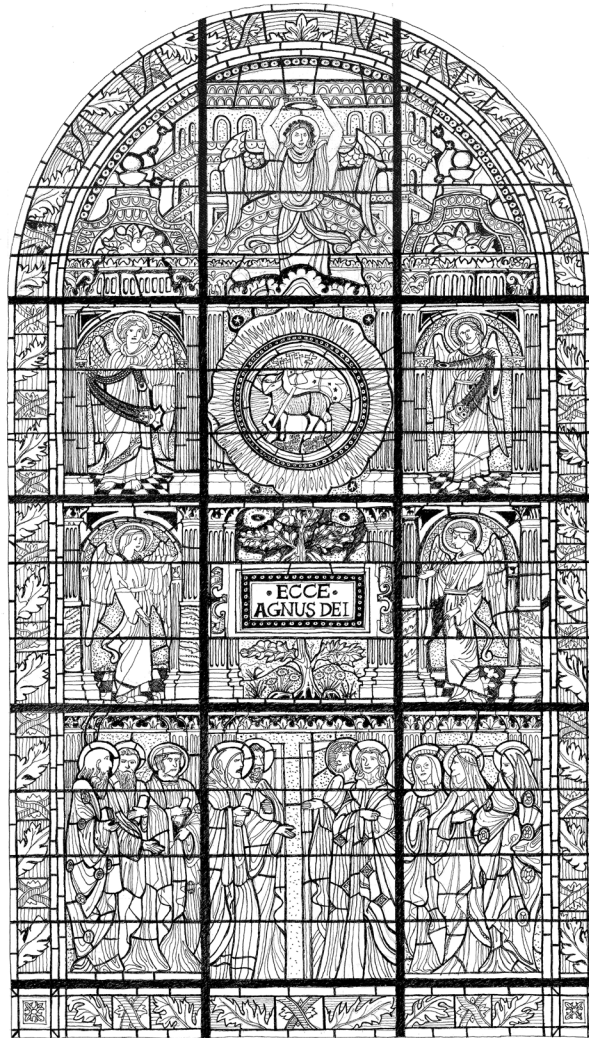


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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

MARCH 22, 2020 • 10:30 AM



# W E L C O M E

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*  
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*  
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*  
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*  
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*  
*and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

THE PRELUDE

Adagio in G Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

GREETING FROM THE RECTOR

The Reverend Jeffrey S. Miller

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING SENTENCES

*The officiant begins the service with the opening sentences on page 38 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*All kneeling, officiant and people together*

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.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*All standing, the officiant says*

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.**

CANTICLE, HYMN 609

*Venite, exultemus Domino*

R. Goodson

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.

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 23

*Standing, the officiant and people read the psalm in unison.*

<sup>1</sup> ***The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.***

<sup>2</sup> ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.***

<sup>3</sup> ***He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.***

<sup>4</sup> ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.***

<sup>5</sup> ***Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.***

<sup>6</sup> ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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 FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

CANTICLE

First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

*Refrain:* Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord," and call upon His Name. *Refrain*

Make his deeds known among the peoples, see that they remember that His Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things, and this is known in all the world. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion. Ring out your joy,

For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

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THE SECOND LESSON

John 9:1-38

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” <sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace

*New Britain*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

#### THE HOMILY

*The Man Born Blind*

The Reverend Brian K. McGreevy

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All standing, officiant and people say*

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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneeling, officiant and people pray*

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

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**And grant us thy salvation.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**



Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in thee can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let thy way be known upon earth;  
*Thy saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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 defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### A COLLECT FOR GRACE

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 we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Mark, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Oh most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

#### PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### *Officiant and People*

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.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **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. **Amen.**

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Music: *Old Hundredth*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561).

### *Continuing with ...*

*America*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

## THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

## THE CLOSING HYMN

O God Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:  
Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.  
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt. harm., William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

O Church, Arise

Townend and Getty



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