

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ MARCH 22, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Adagio in G Minor

Tomaso Albinoni

GREETING FROM THE RECTOR

The Reverend Jeffrey S. Miller

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*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.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*Standing*)

Officiant 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, read in unison*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake. ⁴Yea, 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. ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely 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

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*

THE SECOND LESSON

John 9:1-38

THE SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace

New Britain

1. 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.

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

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

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

5. 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Standing, said by all*)

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

All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.

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, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (*Remaining kneeling, all in unison*)

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

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

THE DOXOLOGY AND PATRIOTIC HYMN

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.

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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.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN

O God Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;
2. Under the shadow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. 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.

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

O Church, Arise

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