

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ MARCH 29, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Elegy

George T. Thalben-Ball

GREETING FROM THE RECTOR AND 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 130 (*Standing, read in unison*)

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

Romans 6:15-23

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 304

There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

*Beecher*

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Saviour; there is healing in his blood.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement giv'n. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of the Lord.

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 *(Said responsively)*

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. *continuing with*

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

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song:  
This cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid: Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

## THE POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello