

## Morning Prayer

Friday, April 18



### Opening Statement

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord has afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
Most merciful God,

*we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Invitatory

Lord, open our lips.  
*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*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.*

### Psalm 95

*Venite, exultemus*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
<sup>3</sup>For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.  
<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.  
<sup>10</sup>Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

### **Antiphon**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
Come let us adore him.

### **Psalm 22** *Deus, Deus meus*

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.  
<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup> "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."  
<sup>9</sup> Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.  
<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup> Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
<sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*

my heart within my breast is melting wax.  
<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
 and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.  
<sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in,  
 and gangs of evildoers circle around me; \*  
 they pierce my hands and my feet;  
 I can count all my bones.  
<sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat over me; \*  
 they divide my garments among them;  
 they cast lots for my clothing.  
<sup>18</sup> Be not far away, O Lord; \*  
 you are my strength; hasten to help me.  
<sup>19</sup> Save me from the sword, \*  
 my life from the power of the dog.  
<sup>20</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
 my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.  
<sup>21</sup> I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
<sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
<sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
 but when they cry to him he hears them.  
<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
 worship him.  
<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
 "May your heart live for ever!"  
<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
 the Lord, \*  
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.  
<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
 he rules over the nations.  
<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
 in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
 the saving deeds that he has done.

### **Gloria Patri**

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. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*A reading from the book of Wisdom 1:16-2:1,2:12-22*

<sup>16</sup> But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

<sup>1</sup>For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
'Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

<sup>12</sup> 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.

<sup>13</sup> He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

<sup>15</sup> the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

<sup>16</sup> We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

<sup>17</sup> Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

<sup>18</sup> for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

<sup>19</sup> Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

<sup>20</sup> Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

<sup>21</sup> Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,

<sup>22</sup> and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Canticle 14** A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator*

*Prayer of Manasseh, 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

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.  
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 New Testament Lesson**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter 1:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, <sup>11</sup>inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven things into which angels long to look!

<sup>13</sup>Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup>Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup>for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Canticle 18** A Song to the Lamb

*Dignus es*

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.  
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 Gospel**

*A reading from the Gospel according to John 13:36-38*

<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward." <sup>37</sup>Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." <sup>38</sup>Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and Earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **The Prayers**

God be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

Help us, O God our Savior;  
*Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

Look upon your congregation;  
*Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

Declare your glory among the nations;  
*And your wonders among all peoples.*

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
*Never forget the lives of your poor.*

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
*And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
*So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

### **A Collect for Fridays: Good Friday**

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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So, clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**Intercessions**

*David Blackwell and Mike Nesspor*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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

**Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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