

THE DAILY OFFICE

EVENING PRAYER RITE I for the FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT, April 1st, 2020

St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSORY (*intoned by Officiant on monotone and responded by the people on a monotone*)

Officiant The Lord is in his holy temple.

People *Let all the earth keep silence before him.*

Officiant The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

People *From this time forth for evermore.*

Officiant O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

People Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCE, p. 62 (*said by the Officiant*)

Officiant If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10,11*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 63

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

People
O Lord, make haste to help us.

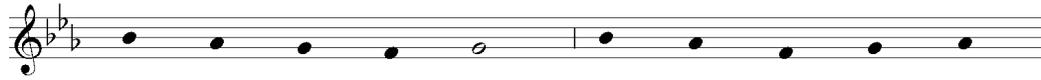
Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT (PHOS HILARON), p. 64 (*sung by all*) Hymn 25 in the Hymnal 1982



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form: ♪♪♪

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THE PSALM(S) APPOINTED: PSALM 130, p. 784 (*said by all in unison*)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Glory be 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 FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 2:14 – 3:6.

*B*ut thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not peddlers of God's word like so many; but in Christ we speak as persons of sincerity, as persons sent from God and standing in his presence. Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -
 mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
 as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]
(Gloria Patri may be omitted)
 10. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
 11. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:1-16.

Jesus left Capernaum and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them. Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does

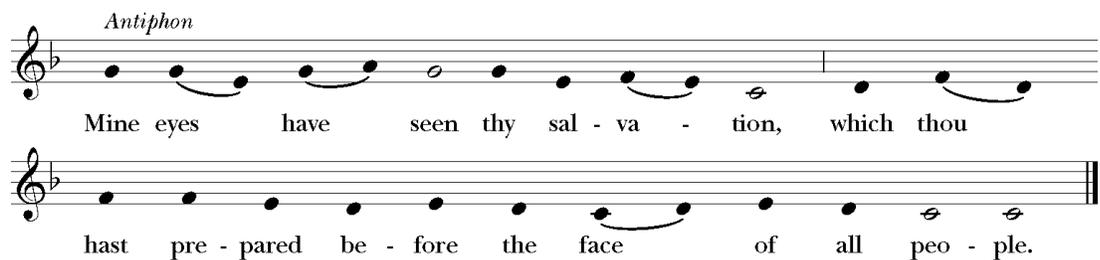
not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON, p. 66 HYMN S196 IN THE HYMNAL 1982 (*sung by all*)

Antiphon



Mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion, which thou
hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple.

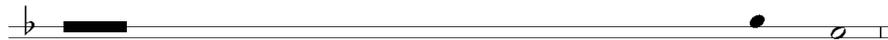
1. Lord, now lettest thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace, ac - cord - ing
to thy word; 2. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,
3. To be a light to light - en the Gen - tiles,
and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

4. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
5. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]


That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,


That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of-fen-ses,


That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,


That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear,


and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,


That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of


[_____ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

THE COLLECTS (*prayed by the Officiant*)

The Collect of the Day: The Fifth Sunday in Lent, p. 167

 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid Against Perils, p. 70

 ighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission, p. 71

 eep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

THE INTERCESSIONS, p. 71

Here we invite you to offer your own prayers, intercessions or thanksgivings, either spoken aloud or in the silence of your hearts. This evening we pray for, especially, all those affected by the Coronavirus.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 71 (*said by all*)

Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

People *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, p. 72 (*prayed by the Officiant*)

*A*lmighty 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.

THE DISMISSAL, p. 72

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE, p. 72

Officiant The grace of our +Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Cor. 13:14.*

POSTLUDE

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