

THE DAILY OFFICE  
EVENING PRAYER RITE I for the WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

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PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSORY

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     I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Officiant     Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us pray in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant     Almighty and most merciful Father,

People         *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. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 63

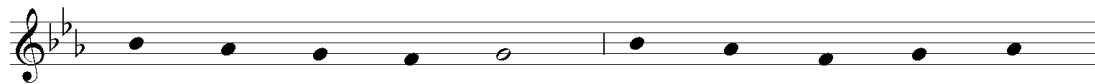
Officiant      O God, make speed to save us.  
 People         O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

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 55, p. 784 (*said by all in unison*)

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
do not hide yourself from my petition.
- 2 Listen to me and answer me; \*  
I have no peace, because of my cares.
- 3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy \*  
and by the pressure of the wicked;
- 4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me \*  
and are set against me in fury.
- 5 My heart quakes within me, \*  
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling have come over me, \*  
and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! \*  
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 8 I would flee to a far-off place \*  
and make my lodging in the wilderness.
- 9 I would hasten to escape \*  
from the stormy wind and tempest."
- 10 Swallow them up, O Lord;  
confound their speech; \*  
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds  
upon her walls, \*  
but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.
- 12 There is corruption at her heart; \*  
her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me,  
then I could have borne it; \*  
or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,  
then I could have hidden from him.

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, \*  
my companion, my own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsel together, \*  
and walked with the throng in the house of God.

16 Let death come upon them suddenly;  
let them go down alive to the grave; \*  
for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.

17 But I will call upon God, \*  
and the LORD will deliver me.

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,  
I will complain and lament, \*  
and he will hear my voice.

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle  
waged against me; \*  
for there are many who fight me.

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and  
bring them down; \*  
they never change; they do not fear God.

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; \*  
he has broken his covenant.

22 His speech is softer than butter, \*  
but war is in his heart.

23 His words are smoother than oil, \*  
but they are drawn swords.

24 Cast your burden upon the LORD,  
and he will sustain you; \*  
he will never let the righteous stumble.

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful \*  
down to the pit of destruction, O God.

26 They shall not live out half their days, \*  
but I will put my trust in you.

*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 Lamentations 2:1-9.

*Now* the Lord in his anger has humiliated daughter Zion! He has thrown down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel; he has not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. The Lord has destroyed without mercy all the dwellings of Jacob; in his wrath he has broken down the strongholds of daughter Judah; he has brought down to the ground in dishonor the kingdom and its rulers. He has cut down in fierce anger all the might of Israel; he has withdrawn his right hand from them in the face of the enemy; he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob, consuming all around. He has bent his bow like an enemy, with his right hand set like a foe; he has killed all in whom we took pride in the tent of daughter Zion; he has poured out his fury like fire. The Lord has become like an enemy; he has destroyed Israel. He has destroyed all its palaces, laid in ruins its strongholds, and multiplied in daughter Judah mourning and lamentation. He has broken down his booth like a garden, he has destroyed his tabernacle; the Lord has abolished in Zion festival and sabbath, and in his fierce indignation has spurned king and priest. The Lord has scorned his altar, disowned his sanctuary; he has delivered into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; a clamor was raised in the house of the Lord as on a day of festival. The Lord determined to lay in ruins the wall of daughter Zion; he stretched the line; he did not withhold his hand from destroying; he caused rampart and wall to lament; they languish together. Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has ruined and broken her bars; her king and princes are among the nations; guidance is no more, and her prophets obtain no vision from the Lord.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        *Thanks be to God.*

**THE MAGNIFICAT**, *The Song of Mary* p. 65 (said by all in unison)  
*Luke 1:46-55*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, \**  
*and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*  
*For he hath regarded \**  
*the lowliness of his handmaiden.*  
*For behold from henceforth \**  
*all generations shall call me blessed.*  
*For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \**  
*and holy is his Name.*  
*And his mercy is on them that fear him \**  
*throughout all generations.*  
*He hath showed strength with his arm; \**  
*he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*  
*He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \**  
*and hath exalted the humble and meek.*  
*He hath filled the hungry with good things, \**  
*and the rich he hath sent empty away.*  
*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \**  
*as he promised to our forefathers,*  
*Abraham and his seed for ever.*  
*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 SECOND LESSON**

Reader        A reading from the Gospel of Mark 12:1-11.

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What

then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'"

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**, *The Song of Simeon*, p. 66 (*said by all*)

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \**  
*according to thy word;*  
*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \**  
*which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,*  
*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \**  
*and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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 APOSTLE'S CREED**, p. 66 (*said by all*)

Officiant	I believe in God, the Father almighty,
People	<i>maker of heaven and earth;</i> <i>And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;</i> <i>who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,</i> <i>born of the Virgin Mary,</i> <i>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</i> <i>was crucified, dead, and buried.</i> <i>He descended into hell.</i> <i>The third day he rose again from the dead.</i> <i>He ascended into heaven,</i> <i>and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.</i> <i>From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.</i> <i>I believe in the Holy Ghost,</i> <i>the holy catholic Church,</i> <i>the communion of saints,</i>

*the forgiveness of sins,  
the +resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**THE PRAYERS, p. 67**

Officiant     The Lord be with you.  
People         And with thy spirit.  
Officiant     Let us 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, p. 68**

Officiant     That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.  
Officiant     That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.  
Officiant     That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.  
Officiant     That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.  
Officiant     That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned  
                  before the great judgement seat of Christ,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.  
Officiant     That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of  
                  the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, and all thy saints, entrusting  
                  one another and all our life to Christ,  
People         We entreat thee, O Lord.



**THE COLLECTS** (*prayed by the Officiant*)

*The Collect of the Day: The Wednesday in Holy Week, p. 169*

**O** Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his back to the smiters and hid not his face from shame: Give us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Aid Against Perils, p. 70*

**L**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*

**K**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**

Officiant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

**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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Dear Friends,

*A*s we enter into the most Holy Week of the year for each of us as Christians and as a parish family, we pray that you will engage with St. John's not only in a prayerful and spiritual way but also in a faithfully financial way.

*T*hese weeks of closure due to the coronavirus have been an understandable strain on our life as a parish family. The forgone plate and pledge offerings of the last few weeks are critical pieces of our mission and ministry. If you are able to offer any of your regular pledge payments and/or plate offerings online ([www.stjlat.org](http://www.stjlat.org)) or in the mail that would be wonderful.

*N*ow that during this Holy Week the clergy, wardens, vestry, and staff of St. John's hold you and your family in their prayers! Holy Weeks calls us to enter into a place of faithful contemplation of the journey to the saving act of Jesus Christ on the cross. During this Holy Week and coming Easter season, please consider how St. John's, over the past 100+ years has continued to teach and live out this sacrificial and resurrection-focused servant ministry of Jesus Christ in the lives of its parishioners and its community. Please, faithfully continue your support of St. John's however you can during these curious times.