

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER, p. 42

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People *And our mouth shall show forth thy 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. Alleluia.
Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: O Come, let us adore him.

THE VENITE Psalm 95:1-7, 96:9, p. 44 (said in unison)

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 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.

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 124 (said in unison)

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;

- 3 *Then would they have swallowed us up alive **
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 *Then would the waters have overwhelmed us **
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 *Then would the raging waters **
have gone right over us.
- 6 *Blessed be the LORD! **
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; **
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 *Our help is in the Name of the LORD, **
the maker of heaven and earth.

*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 FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John: chapter 7, beginning at the 13th verse.

*W*hen one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah, *Ecce, Deus*, p. 86 (*said in unison*)

*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;
*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.
*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, **
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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 SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from Saint Luke's Gospel: chapter 12, beginning at the 2nd verse.

*J*esus said, to his disciples, "Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 13: A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es*, p. 90 (*said in unison*)
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; **
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED, p. 53-54 (said in unison)

Officiant I believe in God, the Father almighty,
People 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, p. 54

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 A, p. 55


Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People *And grant us thy salvation.*
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;
People *They saving health among all nations.*
Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

THE COLLECTS (*prayed by the Officiant*)


The Collect of the Day: Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896

*A*lmighty and everlasting God, who didst enkindle the flame of thy love in the heart of thy martyr Bernard Mizeki: Grant to us, thy humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in his triumph may profit by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life, p. 56

 God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Mission, p. 58

 God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS, p. 58 - 59

We invite your prayers, either silently or aloud...

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 58 (said in unison)

Officiant	Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
People	<i>we thine unworthy servants</i>
	<i>do give thee most humble and hearty thanks</i>
	<i>for all thy goodness and loving-kindness</i>
	<i>to us and to all men.</i>
	<i>We bless thee for our creation, preservation,</i>
	<i>and all the blessings of this life;</i>
	<i>but above all for thine inestimable love</i>
	<i>in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;</i>
	<i>for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.</i>
	<i>And, we beseech thee,</i>
	<i>give us that due sense of all thy mercies,</i>
	<i>that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;</i>
	<i>and that we show forth thy praise,</i>
	<i>not only with our lips, but in our lives,</i>
	<i>by giving up our selves to thy service,</i>
	<i>and by walking before thee</i>
	<i>in holiness and righteousness all our days;</i>
	<i>through Jesus Christ our Lord,</i>

*to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM, p. 59 (*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

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

THE GRACE

Officiant 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.*

POSTLUDE