

THE DAILY OFFICE
MORNING PRAYER RITE I for the FOURTH THURSDAY OF EASTER, May 7th, 2020
St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church

MORNING PRAYER RITE I BEGINS ON PAGE 42 OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCE, p. 39

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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 Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

THE JUBILATE *Psalm 100, p. 45 (said by all in union)*

*Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 50: 1-10 (*said by all in unison*)

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

*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 First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 2:13-20.

*W*e also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers. For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you suffered the same things from your own compatriots as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out; they displease God and oppose everyone by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. Thus they have constantly been filling up the measure of their sins; but God's wrath has overtaken them at last. As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you—in person, not in heart—we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, wanted to again and again—but Satan blocked our way. For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? Yes, you are our glory and joy!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 2: A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine*, p. 49 (said by all in unison)
A Song of Three Young Men, 29-34

*Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

*Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 5:21-26.

*J*esus said to the crowds, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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

CANTICLE 6: Glory be to God, *Gloria in excelsis*, p. 52 (*said by all in unison*)

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED, p. 53-54 *(said by all)*

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, p. 55


Officiant O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;
People *Govern and uphold them for ever.*
Officiant Day by day we magnify thee;
People *And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.*
Officiant Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
People *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*
Officiant O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
People *As our trust is in thee.*
Officiant O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
People *Let me never be confounded.*

THE COLLECTS (*prayed by the Officiant*)

The Collect of the Day: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, p. 173

 God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace, p. 57

 God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission, p. 58

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

THE INTERCESSIONS, p. 58 - 59

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

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING, p. 58 (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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

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THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Stephen C. Tamke

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. Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

THE GRACE

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 celebrate the Easter Season, 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 you can do so online at www.stjlat.org, by text to give at 1-855-917-3147, or sending checks in the mail that would be wonderful.

*N*ow that during this Easter Season the clergy, wardens, and staff of St. John's hold you and your family in their prayers! Easter is a season of rebirth, resurrection, and loving hope! During this 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.