

THE DAILY OFFICE
MORNING PRAYER RITE I for the THIRD THURSDAY OF EASTER, April 30th, 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 PASCHA NOSTRUM *Christ our Passover*, p. 46 (*said by all in union*)
1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9 – 11:1; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.
*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven,
*neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, **
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

*Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **
death hath no more dominion over him.
*For in that he died, he died unto sin once; **
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.*

*Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.*

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 37:1-18 *said by all in unison)*

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 13 The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.
- 14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, *
because he sees that their day will come.
- 15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow
to strike down the poor and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.
- 16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be broken.
- 17 The little that the righteous has *
is better than great riches of the wicked.
- 18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

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 Letter to the Colossians 1:24-2:7.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been

revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me. For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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 4:1-11.

When Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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	<i>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.</i>

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, 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 *Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.*

THE COLLECTS *(prayed by the Officiant)*

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

God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Lord 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	<i>we thine unworthy servants</i>
	<i>do give thee most humble and hearty thanks</i>
	<i>for all thy goodness and lovingkindness</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>

*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 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Westminster Abbey

THE HOMILY

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh

THE DAILY EXAMEN (*A prayer practice of St. Ignatius Loyola*)

1. Become aware of God's Presence
2. Review the day with gratitude
3. Pay attention to your emotions
4. Choose one feature from the day and pray from it
5. Look forward to tomorrow

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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SUPPORTING THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF ST. JOHN'S

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.

*K*now 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.