



## Our mission

To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

## MORNING PRAYER: RITE ONE

*THE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER:*

*RITE ONE BEGINS FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER BEGINS ON PAGE 38 WITH SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE FOR LENT*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8–9

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### *Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

### *Officiant and People*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, 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.**

### *The Priest alone says*

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.**

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*Officiant:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

*PSALM 23 FOUND IN THE KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE  
ON PAGE 532*

*Psalm 23 KJV Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: \*

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: \*

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his  
Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil: \*

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies: \*

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life: \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Reader and People*

**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.**

**ANTHEM. . . “BE THOU MY VISION”**

(ANNAMARIE ZMOLEK AND PATRICK PEREZ, ST. MARTIN’S CHOIR)

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Ephesians 5:8–14*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem . . . “The King Of Love My Shepherd Is”**

(Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez, St. Martin’s Choir)

**THE SECOND LESSON** *John 9:1-41*

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this,

he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him,

“What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem . . . “Amazing Grace”**

(Annamarie Zmolek and Patrick Perez, St. Martin’s Choir)

THE SERMON ..... “Live as Children of Light”

*The Rev. Lisa R. Neilson*

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## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
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.,**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

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BOTTOM OF PAGE 54*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

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*Then follows the Suffrages*

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

**R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

**R. As our trust is in thee.**

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

**R. Let me never be confounded.**

## **THE COLLECTS**

**Respond: Amen.**

1. The Collect of the Day (See page 167 in the Book of Common Prayer)
2. A Fixed Collect
3. A Collect for Mission

## PARISH INTERCESSIONS

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. In the fullness of thy healing power be with all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, especially those in hospitals \_\_\_\_\_; and all those for whom our prayers are desired \_\_\_\_\_; and those on our continuing prayer list. We give thee hearty thanks for all the blessings of this life. We commend to thy fatherly goodness and love those who have departed this life, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind. Guide and govern our country, O Lord, especially Donald, our President, the Congress and the Courts, and all those in authority. Be with the men and women of our armed forces and their families. We pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in the Middle East and we pray for the victims of terror attacks; and we remember before you, and pray for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith. We pray for those impacted by natural disasters. We pray for our Anglican Communion; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; our Presiding Bishop, Michael, all bishops and clergy and especially our bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly or in the privacy of their hearts.*

*Officiant*

Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING FOUND ON PAGE 58*

### *Officiant and people*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, 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.**

## *PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM ON PAGE 59*

### *Officiant*

Almighty 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.**

*Then may be said*

V. Let us bless the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

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

## **THE PEACE**

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Anthem . . .** “Jesus Paid It All”

(Tom Lynch, Contemporary Music Worship Leader)

## **CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

### **LENTEN PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this thy people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know thee more fully, and to serve thee with a more perfect will; Through Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*A Minister says the dismissal*

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**