



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.

Wednesday March 25, 2020

An Order of Service for Noonday

The Order of Service for Noonday Prayer begins on Page 103 in the Book of Common Prayer

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

One or more of the following Psalms is sung or said.

Psalm 40 may be found on page 640

Psalm 40:5-11 Expectans, expectavi

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *

but they are more than I can count.

- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
 congregation.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said continuing on Page 105

**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.**

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read

The First Lesson

A reading from The Letter of Paul to The Philippians ...

Philippians 4:12-13

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to John. . .

John 5:30–47

Jesus said, “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me. “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?”

The Word of the Lord.

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

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The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant then says one of the following Collects. If desired, the Collect of the Day may be used.

The Collect of The Day

Almighty and most merciful God, drive from us all weakness of body, mind, and spirit; that, being restored to wholeness, we may with free hearts become what you intend us to be and accomplish what you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Form I for The Prayers of The People may be found on page 383

The Prayers of the People

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.

The service concludes as follows

Lenten final 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.*

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