



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 April 29, 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 said in unison.*

**Psalm 38** page 565 NRSV Bible

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,  
or discipline me in your wrath.

<sup>2</sup> For your arrows have sunk into me,  
and your hand has come down on me.

<sup>3</sup> There is no soundness in my flesh  
because of your indignation;  
there is no health in my bone because of my sin.

- <sup>4</sup> For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.
- <sup>5</sup> My wounds grow foul and fester  
because of my foolishness;
- <sup>6</sup> I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;  
all day long I go around mourning.
- <sup>7</sup> For my loins are filled with burning,  
and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- <sup>8</sup> I am utterly spent and crushed;  
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, all my longing is known to you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.
- <sup>10</sup> My heart throbs, my strength fails me;  
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.
- <sup>11</sup> My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,  
and my neighbors stand far off.
- <sup>12</sup> Those who seek my life lay their snares;  
those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin,  
and meditate treachery all day long.
- <sup>13</sup> But I am like the deaf, I do not hear;  
like the mute, who cannot speak.
- <sup>14</sup> Truly, I am like one who does not hear,  
and in whose mouth is no retort.
- <sup>15</sup> But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait;  
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
- <sup>16</sup> For I pray, ‘Only do not let them rejoice over me,  
those who boast against me when my foot slips.’
- <sup>17</sup> For I am ready to fall,  
and my pain is ever with me.
- <sup>18</sup> I confess my iniquity;

I am sorry for my sin.

<sup>19</sup> Those who are my foes without cause are mighty,  
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

<sup>20</sup> Those who render me evil for good  
are my adversaries because I follow after good.

<sup>21</sup> Do not forsake me, O LORD;  
O my God, do not be far from me;

<sup>22</sup> make haste to help me,  
O Lord, my salvation.

**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 Colossians ...**

*Colossians 1:15-23*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as

to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

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

## **The Second Lesson**

### **A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew. . .**

*Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

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

*A homily or meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.*

*The Officiant then begins the Prayers*

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

## 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.**

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

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People – Form III page 387 BCP

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of

Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For Donald, our President, the Congress and the Courts; for all who serve in 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; and we pray for victims of all natural disasters; For the many people who have contracted the coronavirus; for comfort for those grieving loved ones who have died and peace for those who are fearful as the virus spreads, for those in isolation, those who have lost their job or their business, for parents who find themselves trying to home school their children, and for all those in our communities involved in ministering to the sick, especially for all health care workers; we pray for the safety of all law

enforcement agents, firefighters, paramedics and all first responders who provide security and protection to the citizens they serve, and we pray for those in the hospitals, and those for whom our prayers have been requested and for those on our Continuing Prayer List; and for all the blessings of this life, and we remember before you the departed and we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind.

I invite your own prayers and intercessions.

*The service concludes as follows*

### **The Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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**

Officiant            Let us bless the Lord.

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