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.

Holy Wednesday April 8, 2020

An Order of Service for Noonday

The Order of Service for Noonday Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer begins on page 103.

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.
Psalm 70 may be found on page 682 of the Book of Common Prayer

Psalm 70  Deus, in adjutorium

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
   O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
   and altogether dismayed; *
   let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
   draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
   because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
   let those who love your salvation say for ever,
   "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
   come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
   O LORD, do not tarry.

At the end of the Psalm is 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

Hebrews 12:1-3

A reading from Hebrews. . .

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

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

The Second Lesson

A reading from the Gospel According to John …

John 13:21-32

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of
bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

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

A meditation, silent or spoken, may follow.

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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 Collect

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Free intercessions may be offered.

The Prayers of The People may be found on page 383

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.

For our Anglican Communion; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for all bishops, especially Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.
For our President, Donald, the Congress, the Courts, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those in hospitals and those who have requested our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For other concerns of our Parish, especially for all who serve in our armed forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, for the victims of terror attacks, and for the protection of our Christian brothers and sisters who face danger or persecution for their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those impacted by all natural disasters, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, we give thanks for their lives and pray for their loved ones left behind, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Martin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

The service concludes as follows with the final blessing

Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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