

**Wednesday Morning Prayer: Rite II**  
**Live-Streamed on Church FaceBook Page**

**April 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

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*\*Stand if you are able*

*+You may make the sign of the cross*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Sentence**

Officiant: *“Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy,” I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15*

**Confession of Sin** *(Kneel or be seated and bow head)*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Absolution** *(Priest stands and says)*

Almighty God have mercy on you +, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. All: **Amen.** *(All now stand)*

**\*The Invitatory**

\*Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **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.**

**\*Jubilate Psalm 100 (In Unison)**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**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.**

*(All are seated)*

**Psalm 55 (Read as directed)**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
do not hide yourself from my supplication.

<sup>2</sup> Attend to me, and answer me;  
I am troubled in my complaint.

I am distraught <sup>3</sup>by the noise of the enemy,  
because of the clamour of the wicked.

For they bring trouble upon me,  
and in anger they cherish enmity against me.

<sup>4</sup> My heart is in anguish within me,  
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

<sup>5</sup> Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.

<sup>6</sup> And I say, 'O that I had wings like a dove!  
I would fly away and be at rest;

<sup>7</sup> truly, I would flee far away;  
I would lodge in the wilderness;

*Selah*

- <sup>8</sup> I would hurry to find a shelter for myself  
from the raging wind and tempest.'
- <sup>9</sup> Confuse, O Lord, confound their speech;  
for I see violence and strife in the city.
- <sup>10</sup> Day and night they go around it  
on its walls,  
and iniquity and trouble are within it;
- <sup>11</sup> ruin is in its midst;  
oppression and fraud  
do not depart from its market-place.
- <sup>12</sup> It is not enemies who taunt me—  
I could bear that;  
it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me—  
I could hide from them.
- <sup>13</sup> But it is you, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend,
- <sup>14</sup> with whom I kept pleasant company;  
we walked in the house of God with the throng.
- <sup>15</sup> Let death come upon them;  
let them go down alive to Sheol;  
for evil is in their homes and in their hearts.
- <sup>16</sup> But I call upon God,  
and the LORD will save me.
- <sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he will hear my voice.
- <sup>18</sup> He will redeem me unharmed  
from the battle that I wage,  
for many are arrayed against me.
- <sup>19</sup> God, who is enthroned from of old,  
*Selah*  
will hear, and will humble them—  
because they do not change,  
and do not fear God.
- <sup>20</sup> My companion laid hands on a friend  
and violated a covenant with me

<sup>21</sup> with speech smoother than butter,  
but with a heart set on war;  
with words that were softer than oil,  
but in fact were drawn swords.

<sup>22</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.

<sup>23</sup> But you, O God, will cast them down  
into the lowest pit;  
the bloodthirsty and treacherous  
shall not live out half their days.  
But I will trust in you

**All: 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.**

### **First Lesson: Lamentations 2:1-9**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Lamentations.

“How the Lord in his anger  
has humiliated daughter Zion!  
He has thrown down from heaven to earth  
the splendour of Israel;  
he has not remembered his footstool  
on the day of his anger.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has destroyed without mercy  
all the dwellings of Jacob;  
in his wrath he has broken down  
the strongholds of daughter Judah;  
he has brought down to the ground in dishonour  
the kingdom and its rulers.

<sup>3</sup> He has cut down in fierce anger  
all the might of Israel;  
he has withdrawn his right hand from them

in the face of the enemy;  
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,  
consuming all around.

<sup>4</sup> He has bent his bow like an enemy,  
with his right hand set like a foe;  
he has killed all in whom we took pride  
in the tent of daughter Zion;  
he has poured out his fury like fire.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord has become like an enemy;  
he has destroyed Israel.  
He has destroyed all its palaces,  
laid in ruins its strongholds,  
and multiplied in daughter Judah  
mourning and lamentation.

<sup>6</sup> He has broken down his booth like a garden,  
he has destroyed his tabernacle;  
the LORD has abolished in Zion  
festival and sabbath,  
and in his fierce indignation has spurned  
king and priest.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord has scorned his altar,  
disowned his sanctuary;  
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy  
the walls of her palaces;  
a clamour was raised in the house of the LORD  
as on a day of festival.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD determined to lay in ruins  
the wall of daughter Zion;  
he stretched the line;  
he did not withhold his hand from destroying;  
he caused rampart and wall to lament;  
they languish together.

<sup>9</sup> Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
he has ruined and broken her bars;

her king and princes are among the nations;  
guidance is no more,  
and her prophets obtain  
no vision from the LORD.”

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

**\*The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quaerite Dominum* Isaiah 55:6-11 (In Unison)

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \***  
**call upon him when he draws near.**  
**Let the wicked forsake their ways \***  
**and the evil ones their thoughts;**  
**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \***  
**and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**  
**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \***  
**nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**  
**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \***  
**so are my ways higher than your ways,**  
**and my thoughts than your thoughts.**  
**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \***  
**and return not again, but water the earth,**  
**Bringing forth life and giving growth, \***  
**seed for sowing and bread for eating,**  
**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \***  
**it will not return to me empty;**  
**But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \***  
**and prosper in that for which I sent it.**  
**All: 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.**  
*(All are seated)*

**Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 1:23 – 2:11**

Reader: A Reading from Paul’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter to the Corinthians.

“23 But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your

joy, because you stand firm in the faith. **2**<sup>1</sup>So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. <sup>2</sup>For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? <sup>3</sup>And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. <sup>4</sup>For I wrote to you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

**5** But if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but to some extent—not to exaggerate it—to all of you. <sup>6</sup>This punishment by the majority is enough for such a person; <sup>7</sup>so now instead you should forgive and console him, so that he may not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>So I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>I wrote for this reason: to test you and to know whether you are obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. What I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ. <sup>11</sup>And we do this so that we may not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”

Reader: Here ends the reading.

**\*A Song to the Lamb**    *Dignus es*    *Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*    *(In Unison)*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
**and by your will they were created and have their being;**  
**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** *(In Unison)*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection + of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers** *(Stand or kneel)*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

### **Suffrages B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect for the Wednesday in Holy Week**

Officiant: 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. All: **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Doctors and Nurses**

Officiant: Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the science and arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.** (*BCP, p. 460*)

### **Prayer for Mission**

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. All: **Amen.**

**Free Intercessions** (*We especially remember those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List, those around the world who are sick from the Corona Virus and those who have died from the virus. And we lift up all of our Doctors, Nurses and Healthcare Professional who are on the front lines caring for the sick and helping to defeat this pandemic. We also remember all other essential workers. They are there for us. We are home for them.*)

**Prayer for Healing** (*For ourselves and in intercession for other.*)

**Silent Prayer** (*Sit in silence for a few minutes in recollection of our loving God and Savior.*)

### **Closing**

Officiant: Let us bless + the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: *“All will be well. All will be well. And all manner of thing will be well.”*  
(*Lady Julian of Norwich, 14<sup>th</sup> Century English Saint and Mystic*)

All: **Amen.**

*(Our next live-streamed liturgy will be for Maundy Thursday, tomorrow evening, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. It may be viewed from the Church FaceBook page.)*