Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, “Lord, open our lips”), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles’ Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

• We will be live streaming this service to our Facebook page at 10:30 am on Sunday, March 29, 2020. If you are unable to view the service as it is being streamed, it will be available on our Facebook as a video after the service, so you will be able to view it at your convenience.
• We will be filming the services. Please, under no circumstances, should anyone not directly involved with the service come to the Church.
• As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence.
Morning Prayer Service
March 29, 2020

Prelude
"Be Thou My Vision"
Instrumental

Opening Sentence
Mark 8:34
BCP 76
Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Confession of Sin
BCP 79

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People together:
Most merciful God,
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.

Officiant: 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. Amen.
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Come let us adore him

JUBILATE

Psalm 100

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.

ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Come let us adore him
Refrain

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

To verses

Verse 1

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you, Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer; O let your ear be open to my pleading.

Verse 2

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, then who could stand within your sight? But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.

Verse 3

3. Just as those who wait for the morning light, even more I long for the Lord, my God, whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

D.C.
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Lector: Here ends the reading (Silence)

CANTICLE 14 A Song of Penitence, Kyrie Pantokrator BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
    God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
    and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *
    with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
    they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
    it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
    long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; * you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord, you have promised forgiveness to sinners, * that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, * and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, * and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: * Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, * nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, * and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me, in accordance with your great mercy, * and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, * and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: Here ends the reading (Silence)
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
    he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
    born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, 
that he would save us from our enemies, *
    from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * 
    and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * 
    to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, * 
    holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * 
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation * 
    by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * 
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * 
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

THE GOSPEL

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do
not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

People:  Praise to you, Lord Christ.
“We Will Rise Again”

Verse 1

1. Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

Refrain

We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

Verse 2

2. I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life. Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

Verse 3

3. Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name.

Verse 4

4. Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; uphold you with my hand.
THE APOSTLES’S CREED

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.
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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

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. Amen.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy
   Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.
   Amen.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE SUPPLICATION

For use during times of national anxiety.

O Lord, arise, help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our ancestors have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.
Officiant: Let us pray.
We humbly beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Officiant concludes with the following:
Romans 15:13
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
“Come Thou Fount” 1982 Hymnal #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
There is a joy beyond compare, a sinner can inherit, a glad and willing heart.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Long upon life’s pilgrimage I journey, in this way I can’t be alone.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor I’m constrained to be!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
In Jesus’ name I lift my voice; I was a castaway, I’ve found a friend.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to danger, interposed his precious blood.

Flaming tongues above, Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.
From the fold of God, here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.