

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MORNING PRAYER I  
MAY 3, 2020



Officiant: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

### Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
*Silence may be kept.*

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

**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.**

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

### Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum

*1 Corinthians 5:7 8; Romans 6:9 11; 1 Corinthians 15:20 22*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \*  
death hath no more dominion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto sin once; \*  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, \*  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ is risen from the dead, \*  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man came death, \*  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The Lessons

### Acts 2:42-47

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of Apostles.  
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea;\*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
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.

## John 10:1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me

will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

### **We Praise Thee**

*Te Deum laudamus*

**We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.**

**All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.**

**To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.**

**To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.**

**The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.**

**The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise thee.**

**The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,**

**the Father, of an infinite majesty,**

**thine adorable, true, and only Son,**

**also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.**

**Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.**

**Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,**

**thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.**

**When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,**

**thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.**

**We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,**

**whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.**

**Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.**

Homily

*Mother Cathy Carpenter*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**People:**     **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

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. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

**R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

**R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

**R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

**R. As our trust is in thee.**

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

**R. Let me never be confounded.**

Officiant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## The Prayers

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

We pray for the Church universal, that it may be governed by thy Spirit and that all Christians may hold fast the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, all bishops and ministers. We lift up in prayer the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember Church of the St. Lawrence in Alexandria Bay, Saints Peter and John Church in Auburn, for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals and for Bishop DeDe as she celebrates a birthday this week.

We commend this nation to thy merciful care. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion. Rule the hearts and minds of all those entrusted with the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Donald and our Governor Andrew. May they make wise decisions and take right actions for the sake of their people and for the welfare and peace of the world.

We thank thee for the splendor of creation, the beauty of the earth, and the wonder of life. We pray that we may all be good stewards of the Earth as we celebrate Earth Day this week. Look with compassion on the whole human family. We are made in thine own image and redeemed through thy Son. Guide the peoples of the world into the way of justice and truth. Take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, and unite us in bonds of love.

May thy presence and power be known throughout this land. May mutual regard sustain our civic life. Help us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression so that peace may prevail with righteousness and justice. Show us the way when we are in the wilderness. Grant us minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve. We commend to thy care our homes and neighborhoods, and our places of work, study, recreation, and worship especially our parish families of; Scott & Dawn Warner, Barb Simpson, and Pat Yosco. Guide our lives so that we may manifest thy love to everyone among whom we live.

We pray for the sick, the aged and infirm, and all who suffer, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Elaina Renfrew, Evelyn Mercer, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Ruth Ziemer, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Howard, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Justine, Debbie, Eleanor, Lynne, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Abigail, Bill, Erin, Phyllis Brown, our service members and their families and those we now name, silently or aloud. We entrust all who are dear to us to thy neverfailing care and love.

We pray for those who rest in Christ and for all the departed, especially, Bob Johnson, Judy and the deceased members of the Fleming Family, Dick Bowes and those whom we now name silently or aloud. Grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

**People:**     **Amen.**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### **Officiant and People**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

**Officiant:**     Let us bless the Lord.

**People:**       **Thanks be to God.**

**Officiant:**     May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Ephesians 3:20*

**People:**       **Amen.**