

**MORNING PRAYER: Rite II
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Officiant Richard McCormick
March 14, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL Hymn # 482 Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day

Officiant:

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18-19*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us.
Daniel 9:9-10

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people:

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 may be kept, after which Officiant and People say together, all kneeling:

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.

The Officiant says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

BCP 80

All stand.

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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People:

JUBILATE (Ps. 100)

BCP 82

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.

PSALM

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BCP 779

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me,*
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
- ² Now our feet are standing*
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city*
that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,*
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,*
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*
“May they prosper who love you.

- ⁷ Peace be within your walls*
and quietness within your towers.
⁸ For my brethren and companions' sake,*
I pray for your prosperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God,*
I will seek to do you good.”

PSALM RESPONSE (say)

*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. Amen.

READING **2 Chronicles 36:14-23** **Pew Bible 490**

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant & People:

CANTICLE 14 A Song of Penitence

BCP 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts oh 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit;*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Pew Bible 1225

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant and People:

CANTICLE 19 The Song of the Redeemed

BCP 94

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*
surpassing human understanding,

MESSAGE

Jason Evans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing:

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

BCP 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Then follows these Suffrages

BCP 97

Leader & People:

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Officiant says:

Let us with gladness present the Offerings of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*All things come of Thee, O Lord
And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

The Officiant then says the following Collects:

The Collect of the Day

BCP 219

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

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 Collect for Renewal of Life

BPC 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the

day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

BCP 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Missions

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.

Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Officiant and People:

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.

The Officiant says:

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 of 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**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant concludes with the following:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL Hymn # 482 Lord of All Hopefulness

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, at the noon of the day.