



GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

Morning Prayer – Rite Two

Friday | February 20, 2026

*Join us at 9:00 AM as we pray together.
Or use this Order of Service for your own devotional time each day.*

Opening Sentence

Officiant says the following verse of Holy Scripture.

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

Confession of Sin

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.

A few moments of silence are observed to prepare our hearts for confession.

Officiant and People

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 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 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 forever. Amen.**

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

Psalm 95 *Said in unison*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

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



Psalm 31 *Said in unison*

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, *
and I put my trust in the LORD.
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; *
for you have seen my affliction;
you know my distress.
- 8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; *
you have set my feet in an open place.
- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."
- 17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; *
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against
the righteous, *
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.
- 19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!
which you have laid up for those who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.
- 20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those
who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD! *
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a
besieged city.
- 22 Yet I said in my alarm,
I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." *
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty
when I cried out to you.
- 23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; *
the LORD protects the faithful,
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait for the LORD.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by

you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.'
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair?
Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the
righteous turn away from their righteousness
and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for
the iniquity that they have committed they
shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away
from the wickedness they have committed and
do what is lawful and right, they shall save
their life. Because they considered and turned
away from all the transgressions that they had
committed, they shall surely live; they shall not
die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of
the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my

ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are
unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,
all of you according to your ways, says the
Lord God. Repent and turn from all your
transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your
ruin. Cast away from you all the
transgressions that you have committed
against me, and get yourselves a new heart
and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of
Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of
anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and
live.

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

A Song of Penitence *Said in unison*

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

John 17:9-19

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I

speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

A Song to the Lamb *Said 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

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages A

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.



The Collects

Prayed by Officiant

The Collect of the Day (Ash Wednesday)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Fridays

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Guidance

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and particularly those throughout the Anglican communion, remembering today especially:

The Territory of the People (Canada) The Rt Revd Clara Plamondon, Bishop; and
The Missionary Diocese of Tete (Mozambique and Angola)

The Rt Revd Sérgio Bambo, Bishop.

We pray also for our Diocese of Southeast Florida and our Bishop, The Rt Revd Peter Eaton; and the Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop and Primate.

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.**

We pray for our own parish family, and those dear to them, remembering today especially:

Linda, Carolyn, Mary Ella, Bob and Beth, Christy, Don, Mirabelle, Terri, and Lori.

We pray for parish family members serving in uniform:

Grant, Kyle, Dylan, Nick, Gabriel, Michael, Rhett, Brett, and Troy.

We pray also today for ministries of current activity, remembering especially:

Haiti Food Packing, that Good Shepherd may join with its neighbors in packing meals for the students of Bon Samaritan school and the residents of Bondeau, Haiti; and

The Food Pantry, that through nourishing the bodies and spirits of our neighbors in need, we may be a beacon of faith, hope and love in this community.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of Good Shepherd truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. *Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do;* through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

At this time, we invite your prayers of petition, intercession and thanksgiving, either shared with all or held in the silence of your hearts.



The Supplication

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

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst 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.

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

- V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously behold our afflictions.**
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
R. **Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.**
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
R. **O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
R. **Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy 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 thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy 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.**

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