



# GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

## Morning Prayer – Rite Two

Wednesday | December 6, 2023

*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 one of the following verses of Holy Scripture.*

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come,  
in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning;  
lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. - *Mark 13:35, 36*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight  
in the desert a highway for our God. - *Isaiah 40:3*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. - *Isaiah 40:5*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near:  
*People* **Come let us adore him.**

**Venite** *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!

*Officiant* Our King and Savior now draws near:  
*People* **Come let us adore him.**

**Psalms 119:1-24** *Said in unison*

**119**

**Aleph** *Beati immaculati*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.

- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

**Beth** *In quo corrigit?*

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

**Gimel** *Retribue servo tuo*

- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
that I may live and keep your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
the wonders of your law.
- 19 I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
do not hide your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is consumed at all times \*  
with longing for your judgments.

- 21 You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- 22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
for I have kept your decrees.
- 23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
I will meditate on your statutes.
- 24 For your decrees are my delight, \*  
and they are my counselors.

**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

### **Amos 3:12–4:5**

Thus says the Lord: As the shepherd rescues  
from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece  
of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who live  
in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a  
couch and part of a bed.

Hear, and testify against the house of Jacob,  
says the Lord God, the God of hosts:  
On the day I punish Israel  
for its transgressions,  
I will punish the altars of Bethel,  
and the horns of the altar shall be cut off  
and fall to the ground.  
I will tear down the winter house  
as well as the summer house;  
and the houses of ivory shall perish,  
and the great houses shall come to an end,  
says the Lord.

Hear this word, you cows of Bashan  
who are on Mount Samaria,

*Reader*  
*People*

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

who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
who say to their husbands,

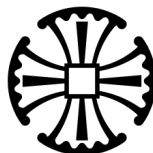
‘Bring something to drink!’

The Lord God has sworn by his holiness:

The time is surely coming upon you,  
when they shall take you away with hooks,  
even the last of you with fish-hooks.

Through breaches in the wall you shall leave,  
each one straight ahead;  
and you shall be flung out into Harmon,  
says the Lord.

Come to Bethel—and transgress;  
to Gilgal—and multiply transgression;  
bring your sacrifices every morning,  
your tithes every three days;  
bring a thank-offering of leavened bread,  
and proclaim freewill-offerings,  
publish them;  
for so you love to do, O people of Israel!  
says the Lord God.



### **The Third Song of Isaiah** *Said in unison*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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.

## Second Lesson

### **2 Peter 3:1-10**

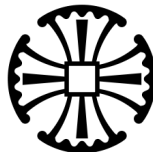
This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!' They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was

deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgement and destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

*Reader*  
*People*

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



## **The Song of Zechariah**    *Said in unison*

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 forever. Amen.

## **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 (First Sunday of Advent)*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

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 Protection*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; 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 Diocese of Baringo (Kenya) The Rt Revd Musa Kamuren, Bishop.

We pray also for our Diocese of Southeast Florida and our Bishop, The Rt Revd Peter Eaton; and our companion dioceses, remembering today especially the Diocese of Haiti, The Rt Revd Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop.

*A Prayer for Mission*

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

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

Nancy, Jim and family, Bill and Renée, Lisa, Vicki, Jenna, Mary, Cindy, Jacqui and Harry, Bruce, Paul, Fran, Jeffrey, Tom, Taylor, Elaine, Emily, and the McGrath-Burnett family.

We pray for the Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr., as we await his institution as sixth rector of Good Shepherd on Saturday.

We pray also today for our Grow ministries, remembering especially:

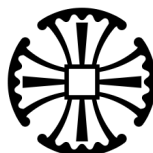
Young Families Ministries, that parents, youth and children may experience love, support and spiritual growth at Good Shepherd; and

Newcomers Ministry, that those exploring or new to Good Shepherd may be welcomed into our community, and may know that we have a place for them.

*A Prayer for Clergy and People*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace: and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *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.*





## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Prayed by Officiant*

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.***

<i>Officiant</i>	Let us bless the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.*** 2 Corinthians 13:14

