



GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

Morning Prayer – Rite Two

Thursday | December 7, 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.**

Jubilate *Said in unison*

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.

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

Psalms 18:1-20 *Said in unison*

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Part I *Diligam te, Domine.*

- 1 I love you, O LORD my strength, *
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.
- 2 My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, *
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge;
you are worthy of praise.
- 3 I will call upon the LORD, *
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

- 4 The breakers of death rolled over me, *
 and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.
- 5 The cords of hell entangled me, *
 and the snares of death were set for me.
- 6 I called upon the LORD in my distress *
 and cried out to my God for help.
- 7 He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling; *
 my cry of anguish came to his ears.
- 8 The earth reeled and rocked; *
 the roots of the mountains shook;
 they reeled because of his anger.
- 9 Smoke rose from his nostrils
 and a consuming fire out of his mouth; *
 hot burning coals blazed forth from him.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down *
 with a storm cloud under his feet.
- 11 He mounted on cherubim and flew; *
 he swooped on the wings of the wind.
- 12 He wrapped darkness about him; *
 he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.
- 13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds, *
 burst hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The LORD thundered out of heaven; *
 the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He loosed his arrows and scattered them; *
 he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.
- 16 The beds of the seas were uncovered,
 and the foundations of the world laid bare, *
 at your battle cry, O LORD,
 at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.
- 17 He reached down from on high and grasped me; *
 he drew me out of great waters.
- 18 He delivered me from my strong enemies
 and from those who hated me; *
 for they were too mighty for me.
- 19 They confronted me in the day of my disaster; *
 but the LORD was my support.
- 20 He brought me out into an open place; *
 he rescued me because he delighted in me.

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 4:6-13

I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
and lack of bread in all your places,
yet you did not return to me,
says the Lord.

And I also withheld the rain from you
when there were still three months
to the harvest;
I would send rain on one city,
and send no rain on another city;
one field would be rained upon,
and the field
on which it did not rain withered;
so two or three towns wandered to one town
to drink water, and were not satisfied;
yet you did not return to me,
says the Lord.

I struck you with blight and mildew;
I laid waste your gardens
and your vineyards;
the locust devoured your fig trees
and your olive trees;
yet you did not return to me,
says the Lord.

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

I sent among you a pestilence
after the manner of Egypt;
I killed your young men with the sword;
I carried away your horses;
and I made the stench of your camp
go up into your nostrils;
yet you did not return to me,
says the Lord.

I overthrew some of you,
as when God overthrew
Sodom and Gomorrah,
and you were like a brand snatched
from the fire;
yet you did not return to me,
says the Lord.

Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;
because I will do this to you,
prepare to meet your God, O Israel!

For lo, the one who forms the mountains,
creates the wind,
reveals his thoughts to mortals,
makes the morning darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth—
the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!

The Song of Moses *Said in unison*

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 *
 forever and forever.
 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 3:11-18

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our

beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Glory to God *Said in unison*

Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. 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

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	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.

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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.**

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 the Renewal of Life

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 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 Barisal (Bangladesh) The Rt Revd Shourabh Pholia, 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 Toliara (Madagascar), the Rt Rev Dr Samitiana Jhonson Razafindralambo, Bishop.

A Prayer for Mission

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.**

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

Cheryl, Andrew, Bob and Pam, Jan, Gene, Marilyn, Kristi, Penny, Peter, Dan, Marcia, Jim and Jerre, Jerry, Charles and Kathy, Dona, and Elizabeth.

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 Serve ministries, remembering especially:

Prayer Chain, that those facing trouble or a life-challenging experience may be supported by the prayers of the Good Shepherd community; and

Kairos Prison Ministry, that those whose life circumstances have led to their imprisonment, and the members of their families, may know the love of Christ.

A Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; 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 General Thanksgiving

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.

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

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 forever and ever.
Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

