

## Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 5



### Opening Sentence

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

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.*

### Versicle and Response

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 forever. *Amen.*

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. *Alleluia.*

### Christ our Passover

*Pascha nostrum*

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

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

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

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.  
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

### **Antiphon**

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Come let us adore him. *Alleluia.*

### **Psalm 72** *Deus, iudicium*

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son;  
<sup>2</sup>That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice.  
<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.  
<sup>8</sup>He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust.  
<sup>10</sup>The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.  
<sup>15</sup>Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.  
<sup>16</sup>May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,

and its grain like grass upon the earth.

<sup>17</sup>May his Name remain forever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and  
call him blessed.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be his glorious Name forever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. *Amen.*

### **Gloria Patri**

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.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Wisdom of Solomon 13:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>For all people who were ignorant of God were foolish by nature;  
and they were unable from the good things that are seen to know the one who exists,  
nor did they recognize the artisan while paying heed to his works;

<sup>2</sup> but they supposed that either fire or wind or swift air,  
or the circle of the stars, or turbulent water,  
or the luminaries of heaven were the gods that rule the world.

<sup>3</sup> If through delight in the beauty of these things people assumed them to be gods,  
let them know how much better than these is their Lord,  
for the author of beauty created them.

<sup>4</sup> And if people were amazed at their power and working,  
let them perceive from them  
how much more powerful is the one who formed them.

<sup>5</sup> For from the greatness and beauty of created things  
comes a corresponding perception of their Creator.

<sup>6</sup> Yet these people are little to be blamed,  
for perhaps they go astray  
while seeking God and desiring to find him.

<sup>7</sup> For while they live among his works, they keep searching,  
and they trust in what they see, because the things that are seen are beautiful.

<sup>8</sup> Yet again, not even they are to be excused;

<sup>9</sup> for if they had the power to know so much  
that they could investigate the world,  
how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

*Surge, illuminare*

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 forever. *Amen.*

## **The New Testament Lesson**

*Romans 13:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; <sup>4</sup>for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing.

<sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is due them taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in

debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## **Canticle 16**

### **The Song of Zechariah**

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Luke 1:68-79*

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 Gospel**

*Luke 8:16-25*

<sup>16</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not become known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Then pay attention to how you listen; for to those who have, more will be given; and from those who do not have, even what they seem to have will be taken away.” <sup>19</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” <sup>21</sup>But he said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.” <sup>22</sup>One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they put out, <sup>23</sup>and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. <sup>24</sup>They went to him and woke him up, shouting, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a

calm. <sup>25</sup>He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

The Word of the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### **The Apostle's Creed**

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 Lord's Prayer**

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 forever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name forever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
And we shall never hope in vain.

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### **For Mission**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Almighty and Most Merciful God, give to your Church that peace which the world cannot give, and grant that those who have been divided on earth may be reconciled in heaven, and share together in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*John Scherer*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### **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 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.*

### **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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*

### **The Commemoration**

The Roman Catholic Church commemorates the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales on this date: men and women who were executed for treason between 1535 and 1679 for their allegiance to the Catholic Church. In recent years, the Church of England has shared this commemoration, broadening it to all of the English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era. This commemoration remembers not only Anglican martyrs like Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, and Nicholas Ridley, who died for their adherence to the Church of England, but those Catholics who were killed by Anglicans - along with all other Christians who were persecuted by their fellow Christians for their beliefs, most notably the Anabaptists and the Quakers.

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