

## *Enriching Our Worship Morning Prayer* **Monday, Feb. 22, 2021**

**Opening Sentence:** Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

### **Confession:**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Leader: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: **And your glory all the day long.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **The Venite**

Antiphon: Our God is full of compassion and mercy: **O come let us worship.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving \* and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

**For you are a great God; \* you are great above all gods.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it, \* and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \***

**Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!**

Antiphon: Our God is full of compassion and mercy: **O come let us worship.**

### **The Psalms** *(choose one of the following)*

#### **Psalm 63:1-8**

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \* my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \* that I might behold your power and your glory.**

**For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \* my lips shall give you praise.**

**So will I bless you as long as I live \* and lift up my hands in your Name.**

**My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \* and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

**When I remember you upon my bed, \* and meditate on you in the night watches.**

**For you have been my helper, \* and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

**My soul clings to you; \* your right hand holds me fast.**

Antiphon: **O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.**

*or*

**Psalm 67:1-5**

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, \* show us the light of your countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth, \* your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* let all the peoples praise you.

Antiphon: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*or*

**Psalm 134**

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, \*  
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.  
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; \*  
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Antiphon: Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun.

*or*

**Psalm 141:1-3,8ab**

O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly; \* hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, \*  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.  
Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD, and guard the door of my lips; \*  
let not my heart incline to any evil thing. My eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; \*  
in you I take refuge.

Antiphon: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands like the evening sacrifice.

**The Lessons**

**The First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-20**

11 Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, 16 and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. 19 If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. 20 Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle: A Song of Lamentation**

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? \* Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,  
Which was brought upon me, \* inflicted by God's fierce anger.  
For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, \* for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.  
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, \* wormwood and gall!  
The steadfast love of God never ceases, \* God's mercies never end.  
They are new every morning; \* great is your faithfulness.  
"God is my portion," says my soul, \* "therefore will I hope in God."  
It is good that we should wait quietly \* for the coming of God's salvation.

## The Gospel Reading: John 2:1-12

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' 4 And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' 5 His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' 6 Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

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## Canticle: *A Song Hosea*

**Come, let us return to our God, \* who has torn us and will heal us.**

**God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, \* after two days revive us,**

**On the third day restore us, \* that in God's presence we may live.**

**Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, \* whose justice dawns like morning light, its dawning as sure as the sunrise.**

**God's justice will come to us like a shower, \* like spring rains that water the earth.**

## The Apostles' Creed *(read in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

Leader: Hear our cry, O God.

People: **And listen to our prayer.**

Leader: Let us pray.

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

**R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

**R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

**R. And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**R. Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

## The Collect: The First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **For All Sorts and Conditions**

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known unto them, your saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

### **For the Poor and Neglected**

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Concluding Sentence:**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*