

## *Enriching Our Worship Morning Prayer* **Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021**

**Opening Sentence:** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. *Luke 15:18, 19*

### **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: Hebrews 3:1-11**

1 Therefore, brothers and sisters, holy partners in a heavenly calling, consider that Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses also ‘was faithful in all God’s house.’ 3 Yet Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that would be spoken later. 6 Christ, however, was faithful over God’s house as a son, and we are his house if we hold firm the confidence and the pride that belong to hope.

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors put me to the test, though they had seen my works 10 for forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and I said, “They always go astray in their hearts, and they have not known my ways.” 11 As in my anger I swore, “They will not enter my rest.”’

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 2:13-22**

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' 18 The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' 19 Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' 20 The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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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 the Human Family**

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Prisons and Correctional Institutions**

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

### **For the Victims of Addiction**

Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **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*