

## Daily Morning Prayer:

### Rite One

*December 3, 2020*

*Thursday in the First Week of Advent*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*People* O come, let us adore him.

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*

    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

    and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*

    and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, \*

    and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*

    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God, \*

    and we are the people of his pasture

    and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*

    let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*

    and with righteousness to judge the world

    and the peoples with his truth.

### Psalm 18

**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 for ever. Amen.*

## The Lesson

*Officiant      A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians  
                  Chapter 3 verses 1 through 13*

**3** Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone,<sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's servant in the gospel of Christ, to establish you in your faith and to exhort you,<sup>3</sup> that no one be moved by these afflictions. You yourselves know that this is to be our lot.<sup>4</sup> For when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction; just as it has come to pass, and as you know.<sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent that I might know your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor would be in vain.<sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—<sup>7</sup> for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith;<sup>8</sup> for now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy which we

feel for your sake before our God,<sup>10</sup> praying earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men, as we do to you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

## 6 Glory be to God   *Gloria in excelsis*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy,  
thou only art the Lord,  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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 with thy spirit.  
*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. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
- R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Guidance on p. 57**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Mission on p. 57**

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

**A Collect for the Unity of the Human Family**

O God, thou hast made us in thine own image and redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy and unjust divisions; 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; and work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish thy purposes on earth; that we may be united in one holy bond of truth, and justice, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Parish Prayer List**

*After the parish prayer list, the Officiant will offer a moment of silence.*

*Officiant      Lord in thy mercy  
All              Hear our prayer.*

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*All*                Thanks be to God.

*Officiant*      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  
                        for ever and ever. *Amen.*