

## Daily Morning Prayer:

### Rite One

*December 9, 2020*

*Wednesday in the Second 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* Our King and Savior draweth nigh:

*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 38** *Domine, ne in furore*

1 O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*

do not punish me in your wrath.

- 2 For your arrows have already pierced me, \*  
and your hand presses hard upon me.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh,  
because of your indignation; \*  
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; \*  
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester \*  
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; \*  
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; \*  
there is no health in my body.
- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; \*  
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.
- 9 O Lord, you know all my desires, \*  
and my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, \*  
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; \*  
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; \*  
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin  
and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, \*  
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.
- 14 I have become like one who does not hear \*  
and from whose mouth comes no defense.

15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; \*  
you will answer me, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, \*  
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."

17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, \*  
and my pain is always with me.

18 I will confess my iniquity \*  
and be sorry for my sin.

19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, \*  
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.

20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, \*  
because I follow the course that is right.

21 O LORD, do not forsake me; \*  
be not far from me, O my God.

22 Make haste to help me, \*  
O Lord of my salvation.

*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 Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians  
*Chapter 1 verses 1 through 12*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring. <sup>5</sup> This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be made worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering— <sup>6</sup> since indeed God deems it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, <sup>7</sup> and to grant rest with us to you who

are afflicted, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, <sup>8</sup> inflicting vengeance upon those who do not know God and upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They shall suffer the punishment of eternal destruction and exclusion from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, <sup>10</sup> when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. <sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**10 The Second Song of Isaiah**        *Quaerite Dominum*  
*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 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.*

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace on p. 57

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission on p. 58

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *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**

*Officiant* I bid your personal prayers here.

*After 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.*