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May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you ...

## **Morning Prayer**



### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### **Process to the Altar Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

### **Opening Sentence**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

#### **Confession of Sin**

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*.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People 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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth: Come let us adore him.

**8 Venite** PSALM 95:1-7

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

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.

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

The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

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

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth: Come let us adore him.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### A reading from Exodus (28:1-4,30-38)

Then bring near to you your brother Aaron, and his sons with him, from among the Israelites, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, You shall make sacred vestments for the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron. And you shall speak to all who have ability, whom I have endowed with skill, that they make Aaron's vestments to consecrate him for my priesthood. These are the vestments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a checkered tunic, a turban, and a sash. When they make these sacred vestments for your brother Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. In the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the Israelites on his heart before the Lord continually.

You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding around the opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it may not be torn. On its lower hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, all around the lower hem, with bells of gold between them all around— a golden bell and a pomegranate alternating all around the lower hem

of the robe. Aaron shall wear it when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, so that he may not die. You shall make a rosette of pure gold, and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to the Lord." You shall fasten it on the turban with a blue cord; it shall be on the front of the turban. It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall take on himself any guilt incurred in the holy offering that the Israelites consecrate as their sacred donations; it shall always be on his forehead, in order that they may find favor before the Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## The Song of Moses (Cantemus Domino)

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \* the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \* the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \* the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \* Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \* the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \* they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \* your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \* who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \* the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \* with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \* on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \* the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \* for ever and for ever.

Amen.

## A reading from I John (John 2:18-29)

Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us.

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Iesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him.

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**21 You are God** (*Te Deum laudamus*)

You are God: we praise you:

You are the Lord: we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

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# A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (6:30-44)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came

to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Homily**

## The Apostles' 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 Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with

you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### Offertory

Today's loose cash offerings go to our Local Outreach Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community.

## The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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.

## **The Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

# Collect of the Day: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

## That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

# That our world may know the blessings of life in you.

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

#### That Christ's Body may be One.

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

#### That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

#### That we may be an Easter people.

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

#### That they too may share in your abundant life.

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

## That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Anglican Church of Australia, the Dioceses of Dunedin – (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia), Dunkwa-on-Offin – (West Africa), Durgapur – (North India), Durham – (England), Dutse – (Nigeria), East Kerala – (South India); our diocese, especially St. Bede's, Port Orchard, St. Paul's, Port Townsend, St. Luke's, Squim; and our parish.

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Elianny, Gary, Marilyn, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, The Beimler family, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, The Powell Family, Ken, Debbie, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Gary, Emerson, Robert, Elsie, and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.

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## The Ending

## The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the

Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## 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.

## **Procession to the Neighborhood**

Lord of All Hopefulness

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#### **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)

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