

St. Alban's



Morning Prayer Rite II

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St. Thomas



Episcopal
Church

The entire liturgy for Morning Prayer is found below.

*Words to be said in unison or as a congregational response are **found in bold.***

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The Officiant begins with the 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*

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Officiant

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

The Officiant then says

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

Jubilate

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Psalm

Psalms 78:1-39

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * **incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; * **I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * **we will not hide from their children.**

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * **and the wonderful works he has done.**

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * **which he commanded them to teach their children;**

6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * **that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * **and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;**

8 And not be like their forefathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, * **a generation whose heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

9 The people of Ephraim, armed with the bow, * **turned back in the day of battle;**

10 They did not keep the covenant of God, * **and refused to walk in his law;**

11 They forgot what he had done, * **and the wonders he had shown them.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * **in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; * **he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day, * **and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * **and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, * **and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

17 But they went on sinning against him, * **rebellious in the desert against the Most High.**

18 They tested God in their hearts, * **demanding food for their craving.**

19 They railed against God and said, * **“Can God set a table in the wilderness?”**

20 True, he struck the rock, the waters gushed out, and the gullies overflowed; * **but is he able to give bread or to provide meat for his people?”**

21 When the Lord heard this, he was full of wrath; * **a fire was kindled against Jacob, and his anger mounted against Israel;**

22 For they had no faith in God, * **nor did they put their trust in his saving power.**

23 So he commanded the clouds above * **and opened the doors of heaven.**

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat * **and gave them grain from heaven.**

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; * **he provided for them food enough.**

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens * **and led out the south wind by his might.**

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust * **and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.**

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp * **and round about their dwellings.**

29 So they ate and were well filled, * **for he gave them what they craved.**

30 But they did not stop their craving, * **though the food was still in their mouths.**

31 So God's anger mounted against them; * **he slew their strongest men and laid low the youth of Israel.**

32 In spite of all this, they went on sinning * **and had no faith in his wonderful works.**

33 So he brought their days to an end like a breath * **and their years in sudden terror.**

34 Whenever he slew them, they would seek him, * **and repent, and diligently search for God.**

35 They would remember that God was their rock, * **and the Most High God their redeemer.**

36 But they flattered him with their mouths * **and lied to him with their tongues.**

37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him, * **and they were not faithful to his covenant.**

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their sins and did not destroy them; * **many times he held back his anger and did not permit his wrath to be roused.**

39 For he remembered that they were but flesh, * **a breath that goes forth and does not return.**

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 First Lesson

Genesis 45:1-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

People The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9
The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**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 Second Lesson
Mark 6:1-13

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Canticle 19

The Song of the Redeemed

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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

Officiant and People together

**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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day (The Third Sunday in Lent)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in

their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**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.**

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

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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