

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*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

*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.**

*Venite*

**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 Psalm

*Psalm 97, 99*

1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \* **let the multitude of the isles be glad.**

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \* **righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**

3 A fire goes before him \* **and burns up his enemies on every side.**

4 His lightnings light up the world; \* **the earth sees it and is afraid.**

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \* **at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \* **and all the peoples see his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \* **Bow down before him, all you gods.**

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* **because of your judgments, O Lord.**

9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \* **you are exalted far above all gods.**

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \* **he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \* **and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \* **and give thanks to his holy Name.**

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \* **he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \* **he is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* **he is the Holy One.**

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* **he is the Holy One.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* **they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* **they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

8 “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \* **you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \* **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**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 49:29-50:14*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then he charged them, saying to them, “I am about to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my ancestors—in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite, in the cave in the field at Machpelah, near Mamre, in the land of Canaan, in the field that Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite as a burial site. There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried; there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried; and there I buried Leah—the field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the Hittites.” When Jacob ended his charge to his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

Then Joseph threw himself on his father's face and wept over him and kissed him. Joseph commanded the physicians in his service to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel; they spent forty days in doing this, for that is the time required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

When the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph addressed the household of Pharaoh, "If now I have found favor with you, please speak to Pharaoh as follows: My father made me swear an oath; he said, 'I am about to die. In the tomb that I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me.' Now therefore let me go up, so that I may bury my father; then I will return." Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear to do."

So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household. Only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. Both chariots and charioteers went up with him. It was a very great company. When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he observed a time of mourning for his father seven days. When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. Thus his sons did for him as he had instructed them. They carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpelah, the field near Mamre, which Abraham bought as a burial site from Ephron the Hittite. After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

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

Canticle 11  
*The Third Song of Isaiah*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***  
**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**  
**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***  
**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**  
**But over you the Lord will rise, \***  
**and his glory will appear upon you.**  
**Nations will stream to your light, \***  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**  
**Your gates will always be open; \***  
**by day or night they will never be shut.**  
**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***  
**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**  
**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***  
**ruin or destruction within your borders.**  
**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***  
**and all your portals, Praise.**  
**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***  
**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**  
**The Lord will be your everlasting light, \***  
**and your God will be your glory.**

**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 8:1-10*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, “I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.” His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

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

Canticle 16  
*The Song of Zechariah*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***  
**he has come to his people and set them free.**  
**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**  
**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,**  
**that he would save us from our enemies, \***  
**from the hands of all who hate us.**  
**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**  
**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \***  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**  
**Free to worship him without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous in his sight**  
**all the days of our life.**  
**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \***  
**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**  
**To give his people knowledge of salvation \***  
**by the forgiveness of their sins.**  
**In the tender compassion of our God \***  
**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**  
**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the**  
**shadow of death, \***

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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 Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

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

A Prayer for Mission

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

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
*Romans 15:13*

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