



# Morning Prayer Rite II

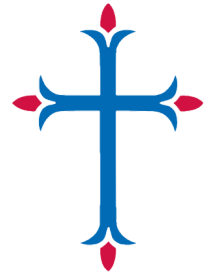
*Wednesday of Holy Week*

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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*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

*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 55*

1 Hear my prayer, O God; \* **do not hide yourself from my petition.**

2 Listen to me and answer me; \* **I have no peace, because of my cares.**

3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy \* **and by the pressure of the wicked;**

4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me \* **and are set against me in fury.**

5 My heart quakes within me, \* **and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

6 Fear and trembling have come over me, \* **and horror overwhelms me.**

7 And I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! \* **I would fly away and be at rest.**

8 I would flee to a far-off place \* **and make my lodging in the wilderness.**

9 I would hasten to escape \* **from the stormy wind and tempest.”**

10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; \* **for I have seen violence and strife in the city.**

11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, \* **but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.**

12 There is corruption at her heart; \* **her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.**

13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; \* **or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me, then I could have hidden from him.**

14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, \* **my companion, my own familiar friend.**

15 We took sweet counsel together, \* **and walked with the throng in the house of God.**

16 Let death come upon them suddenly; let them go down alive into the grave; \* **for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.**

17 But I will call upon God, \* **and the Lord will deliver me.**

18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday, I will complain and lament, \* **and he will hear my voice.**

19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; \* **for there are many who fight me.**

20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; \* **they never change; they do not fear God.**

21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; \* **he has broken his covenant.**

22 His speech is softer than butter, \* **but war is in his heart.**

23 His words are smoother than oil, \* **but they are drawn swords.**

24 Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain you; \* **he will never let the righteous stumble.**

25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful \* **down to the pit of destruction, O God.**

26 They shall not live out half their days, \* **but I will put my trust in you.**

**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  
*Lamentations 2:1-9*

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How the Lord in his anger  
has humiliated daughter Zion!  
He has thrown down from heaven to earth  
the splendor of Israel;  
he has not remembered his footstool  
in the day of his anger.

The Lord has destroyed without mercy  
all the dwellings of Jacob;  
in his wrath he has broken down  
the strongholds of daughter Judah;  
he has brought down to the ground in dishonor  
the kingdom and its rulers.

He has cut down in fierce anger  
all the might of Israel;  
he has withdrawn his right hand from them  
in the face of the enemy;  
he has burned like a flaming fire in Jacob,  
consuming all around.

He has bent his bow like an enemy,  
with his right hand set like a foe;  
he has killed all in whom we took pride  
in the tent of daughter Zion;  
he has poured out his fury like fire.

The Lord has become like an enemy;  
he has destroyed Israel.  
He has destroyed all its palaces,  
laid in ruins its strongholds,  
and multiplied in daughter Judah  
mourning and lamentation.

He has broken down his booth like a garden,  
he has destroyed his tabernacle;  
the Lord has abolished in Zion  
festival and sabbath,  
and in his fierce indignation has spurned  
king and priest.

The Lord has scorned his altar,  
disowned his sanctuary;  
he has delivered into the hand of the enemy  
the walls of her palaces;  
a clamor was raised in the house of the Lord  
as on a day of festival.

The Lord determined to lay in ruins  
the wall of daughter Zion;  
he stretched the line;  
he did not withhold his hand from destroying;  
he caused rampart and wall to lament;  
they languish together.

Her gates have sunk into the ground;  
he has ruined and broken her bars;  
her king and princes are among the nations;  
guidance is no more,  
and her prophets obtain  
no vision from the Lord.

*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 12:1-11*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

The Word of the Lord.

**People**           **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 for Wednesday in Holy Week

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; 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.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

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.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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