

# The Episcopal Diocese of Iowa



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## Morning Prayer

Worship offered today by



Tuesday, April 7, 2020 8:30am

*Good morning and welcome to our online diocesan service for Morning Prayer in Holy Week. We are so glad you are here. You are invited, before worship begins at 8:30am, to wash your hands with the following intention:*

We begin by washing, as we were washed in our baptism. We cleanse our hands as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we are afraid, but because we were commanded to love, and to cleanse our hands, and gather in spirit, is how we love the vulnerable, whom Jesus loved. May we be instruments of love. May the sacrifices we make be for the good of our human family near and far.

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **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. **Amen.**

### **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.

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: **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.**

### **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!

**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.**

### **Psalm 6**

LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; \*  
do not punish me in your wrath.  
Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak; \*  
heal me, LORD, for my bones are racked.  
My spirit shakes with terror; \*  
how long, O LORD, how long?  
Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; \*  
save me for your mercy's sake.  
For in death no one remembers you; \*  
and who will give you thanks in the grave?  
I grow weary because of my groaning; \*  
every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.  
My eyes are wasted with grief \*  
and worn away because of all my enemies.

Depart from me, all evildoers, \*  
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.  
The LORD has heard my supplication; \*  
the LORD accepts my prayer.  
All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear; \*  
they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

### **Psalm 12**

Help me, LORD, for there is no godly one left; \*  
the faithful have vanished from among us.  
Everyone speaks falsely with his neighbor; \*  
with a smooth tongue they speak from a double heart.  
Oh, that the LORD would cut off all smooth tongues, \*  
and close the lips that utter proud boasts!  
Those who say, "With our tongue will we prevail; \*  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?"  
"Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, \*  
I will rise up," says the LORD, "and give them the help they long for."  
The words of the LORD are pure words, \*  
like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.  
O LORD, watch over us \*  
and save us from this generation for ever.  
The wicked prowl on every side, \*  
and that which is worthless is highly prized by everyone.

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 Lessons**

#### **A Reading from Lam. 1:17-22 (NRSV)**

Zion stretches out her hands, but there is no one to comfort her; the LORD has commanded against Jacob that his neighbors should become his foes; Jerusalem has become a filthy thing among them. The LORD is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and behold my suffering; my young women and young men have gone into captivity. I called to my lovers but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city while seeking food to revive their strength. See, O LORD, how distressed I am; my stomach churns, my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious. In the street the sword bereaves; in the house it is like death. They heard how I was groaning, with no one to comfort me. All my enemies heard of my trouble; they are glad that you have done it. Bring on the day you have announced,

and let them be as I am. Let all their evil doing come before you; and deal with them as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions; for my groans are many and my heart is faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Song of Praise**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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.

### **A Reading from 2 Cor. 1:8-22 (NRSV)**

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more toward you. For we write you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until the end— as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favor; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As

surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been “Yes and No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not “Yes and No”; but in him it is always “Yes.” For in him every one of God’s promises is a “Yes.” For this reason it is through him that we say the “Amen,” to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **A Song to the Lamb**

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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.

### **A Reading from Mark 11:27-33 (NRSV)**

Again they came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.’ They argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say, “Why then did you not believe him?” But shall we say, “Of human origin?”—they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.’

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **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 Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. **Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. **We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. **For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 while it was 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.**



## Hymn 498

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
 the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and — my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my — sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my — glo - ry all the cross.

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## **Prayers and Thanksgivings**

*You are invited to name your prayers of intercession silently or aloud, or type them into the chat.*

### **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.

### **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.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.**

*Join us tomorrow night at 7:00pm for a service of Tenebrae offered by St. John's Mason City.*

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**Liturgical Participants:**

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