



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two
April 25, 2021

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

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 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 Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

Officiant 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. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON (BCP p. 80)

.Alleluia. Christ is risen. *O come let us worship. Alleluia.*

INVITATORY (BCP p. 80)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

PSALM 23 (in unison)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁵The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle B: A Song of Pilgrimage

Priusquam errarem

(metrical paraphrase)

Even when young, I prayed for wisdom's grace;
In temple courts I sought her day and night,
And I will seek her to the very end;
she is my heart's delight.
My foot has firmly walked the path of truth;
With diligence, I followed her design.
My ear was open to receive her words;
Now wisdom's skill is mine.
Glory to one who gives me wisdom's prize;
I vowed to live according to her way.
She gave me courage from the very start;
She will not let me stray.
Something within my being has been stirred;
My seeking brought a gift beyond compare:
The gift of language loosed my halting tongue;
God's praise is now my prayer.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle G (EOW): A Song of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.

You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.

THIRD READING: John 10:11-18

A Reading from John.

[Jesus said,] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my

life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

**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

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES B (BCP p. 98)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern 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 on 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world. We pray for Justin, archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Skip, our assisting bishop; and for Diane, our rector. We pray for the Standing Committees of Eastern and Western Michigan and for our diocesan staffs. Tender Shepherd,
call us each by name and lead us home.

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations. We pray for the president, for Congress, and for the judiciary, that they might be lead to just and merciful decisions. Tender Shepherd,
precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us. Tender Shepherd,
*comfort them and shower them with
your healing grace.*

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace. Tender Shepherd,
call us each by name and lead us home.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 225)

O 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.*

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE (BCP p. 99)

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.*

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE (BCP p. 100)

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101) (in unison)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (BCP p. 102)

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

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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