

Opening Sentence

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief period of silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Officiant says

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Jubilate

Psalm 100

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: 23 (*Dominus regit me*)

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though 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.**

You 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.

**Surely 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 forever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of Ezekiel

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

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.

Prayers and Intercessions

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**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 B

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 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We pray this morning for God's people throughout the world, for peace and goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people. I invite your prayers for the Church and for the world either silently or aloud.

We pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd, for our families, friends, and neighbors, for those who are sick and suffering, and for all who have asked for our prayers, especially Paul Hoch, Chris Yetter, Monty Houlder, Sallie Houlder, Jill Bryan, Ann Sanders, Hal Miller, Wilma Miller, Ed Barnes, Carolyn Beard, Catherine Wall, Aileen Wood, Caryl, Pete Taylor, Susanne Newton, Roy Wright, Jim Henley, Janet Gilliam, Vive Kershaw, Bob Yates, Gina, David LaPasha, Ella Wood, Katherine Neighbors, Betsy Cheshire, Ryan Smith, Marie Williams, Nick Smith, John Murphy, Mike Elliott, Margaret Hatcher, Allison Zeiglmeier, Mike Webb, Miles Habel, Becky Lopez, Bill, Lynn, Debbie, Becky, Patti, Nolan, Daryl, Carson, Charlie, Laura & Ada Foushee, Bob Sawyer, Meredith Vance, Harry Johnson, Sr., Jim Lewis, Robbie Brake, Kelly McLeod Aldridge, Rae Dell Ghee, Allison Tysinger Bradt, Corey Bradt, Carleen Fuller, Reggie Fuller, Susan and Wendi.

We pray for all those in times of transition or uncertainty: for those expecting or welcoming a child, for teachers and students beginning a new school year, for those moving to a new city or a new home, for those who have lost their employment and those who are starting new jobs, for those facing eviction or financial hardship, and any whom we name now silently or aloud.

We pray for all those who work to provide healthcare, food, transport, and other essential services to their neighbors, and that we may never forget that our common life together depends on one another's toil.

We pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus, for those who have died and for those grieving the loss of loved ones, remembering especially today Kevin LeCount, his loved ones who are grieving and those we name now either silently or aloud.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.
Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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