

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER



EMBER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

AT 5:00 P.M.

"...DEVOTED TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP, THE  
BREAKING OF BREAD, AND THE PRAYERS." ACTS 2:42

## *The Voluntary*

*(The People stand.)*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalm li. 3.*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. *Dan. ix. 9, 10.*

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

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

*To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling.*

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*To be made by the Priest alone, standing; the People still kneeling,*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 4. *Cum invocarem.*

*To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all standing.*

**HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: \* thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.**

**2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, \* and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?**

**3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; \* when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.**

**4 Stand in awe, and sin not; \* commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.**

**5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, \* and put your trust in the Lord.**

**6 There be many that say,\* Who will show us any good?**

**7 Lord, lift thou up\* the light of thy countenance upon us.**

**8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; \* yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.**

**9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; \* for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:\*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*(The People sit.)*

*The First Lesson is written in the second chapter of Haggai beginning at the first verse.*

At the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

And the hand of the Lord was upon me there. And he said to me, “Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you.” So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face. But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, “Go, shut yourself within your house. And you, O son of man, behold, cords will be placed upon you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people. And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and unable to reprove them, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will refuse to hear, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

***The Magnificat*** St. Luke i. 46.

*To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all standing.*

**MY soul doth magnify the Lord, \***  
**and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**  
**For he hath regarded \***  
**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**  
**For behold, from henceforth \***  
**all generations shall call me blessed.**  
**For he that is mighty hath magnified me; \***  
**and holy is his Name.**  
**And his mercy is on them that fear him \***  
**throughout all generations.**

**He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things; \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; \*  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.**

*(The People sit.)*

#### 2 Corinthians 4

*The Second Lesson is written in the fourth chapter of Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, beginning at the first verse.*

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all

comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

***The Nunc Dimittis*** St. Luke ii. 29.

*To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all standing.*

**LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \***  
**according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen \***  
**thy salvation,**

**Which thou hast prepared \***  
**before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \***  
**and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

***The Apostles' Creed***

*The Officiant and the People together, all standing,*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

*all kneel*

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister. O Lord, save the State.

Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Answer.*       **For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

Minister.      O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.*       **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Collect of the Day.*

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Collect for Lent.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Aid against Perils.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.*

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honour them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; Send down upon our Bishops, and other Clergy, and upon the Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for all Conditions of Men.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People together...*

**ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful: and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

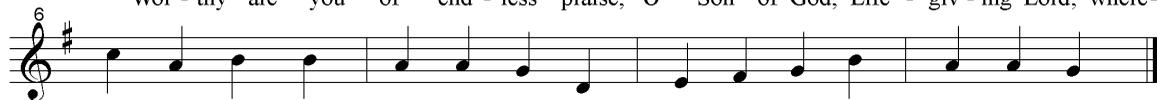
ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*(The People stand.)*

## Hymn 25 - O gracious Light



O gra-cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im -  
Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise  
Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where -



mor - tal, ho - ly blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*The people remain standing as the Officiants process out during the organ voluntary.*

### **The Voluntary**

¶ Here endeth The Order of Evening Prayer.







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