



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

MORNING PRAYER

with PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

January 20, 2021 ♦ 8:15 AM

Welcome to this service of Morning Prayer at Saint Mark's Cathedral via Zoom. Today we will offer prayers with intention for the nation.

Note: Everyone will be muted upon entry to this Zoom meeting.

OFFICIANT

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, *Dean & Rector*

The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of Scripture.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:2

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 79

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

Silence may be kept.

Officiant Most merciful God,

**All 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.

All Amen.

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

OPENING VERSICLE & RESPONSE

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 80

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 for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

Antiphon Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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!

All repeat the Antiphon.

PSALTER *Psalm 38 ♦ Domine, ne in furore*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 636

The Officiant leads the psalm.

- O**LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.
- 2 For your arrows have already pierced me, *
and your hand presses hard upon me.
- 3 There is no health in my flesh,
because of your indignation; *
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.
- 4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; *
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.
- 5 My wounds stink and fester *
by reason of my foolishness.
- 6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; *
I go about in mourning all the day long.
- 7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.

- 8 I am utterly numb and crushed; *
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.
- 9 O LORD, you know all my desires, *
and my sighing is not hidden from you.
- 10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, *
and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.
- 11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; *
my neighbors stand afar off.
- 12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; *
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin
and plot treachery all the day long.
- 13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, *
like those who are mute and who do not open their mouth.
- 14 I have become like one who does not hear *
and from whose mouth comes no defense.
- 15 For in you, O LORD, have I fixed my hope; *
you will answer me, O Lord my God.
- 16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, *
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."
- 17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, *
and my pain is always with me.
- 18 I will confess my iniquity *
and be sorry for my sin.
- 19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, *
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.
- 20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, *
because I follow the course that is right.
- 21 O LORD, do not forsake me; *
be not far from me, O my God.
- 22 Make haste to help me, *
O Lord of my salvation.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

LESSON *Isaiah 44:24–45:7*

Read by: Sandra Smith

*Reader*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

THUS SAYS THE LORD, your Redeemer,
who formed you in the womb:
I am the LORD, who made all things,
 who alone stretched out the heavens,
 who by myself spread out the earth;
who frustrates the omens of liars,
 and makes fools of diviners;
who turns back the wise,
 and makes their knowledge foolish;
who confirms the word of his servant,
 and fulfils the prediction of his messengers;
who says of Jerusalem, “It shall be inhabited,”
 and of the cities of Judah, “They shall be rebuilt,
 and I will raise up their ruins;”
who says to the deep, “Be dry—
 I will dry up your rivers;”
who says of Cyrus, “He is my shepherd,
 and he shall carry out all my purpose”;
and who says of Jerusalem, “It shall be rebuilt,”
 and of the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.”

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
 and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Ecce, Deus (Isaiah 12:2-6)
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 86

Officiant Surely, it is God who saves me; *

All **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.

LESSON *Ephesians 5:1-14*

Read by: Julia Logan

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

BE IMITATORS of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

Surge, illuminare (Isaiah 60:1-3,11a,14c,18-19)
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 87

Officiant Arise, shine, for your light has come, *

All and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 96

Officiant I believe in God,

All 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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Officiant **L**ORD GOD ALMIGHTY, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 824

Officiant **O** GOD, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION *For the Human Family*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

Officiant **O** GOD, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Officiant bids our prayers. On the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the Office Volunteers, Pastoral Care Team, and the Quilt Ministry.

PRAYERS FOR SOUND GOVERNMENT

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 821 (adapted)

Officiant O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People **Lord, keep this nation under your care.**

Officiant To the President and Vice-President, and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

People **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Officiant To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

People **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Officiant To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

People **Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Officiant And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

People **For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.**

All Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life. Amen.

DISMISSAL & CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
All Amen.