

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Opening Hymn *All stand as able.*

Hymnal, #690

Opening Sentence

The officiant opens with a sentence of scripture for the season.

BCP, p. 78

Confession of Sin

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

All **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.**

Officiant 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.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *All stand as able.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **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. Alleluia.

Antiphon

All The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

The Jubilate

All 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: Psalm 45:1-27,7-10

Bulletin Insert

At the end of the Psalms all say

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 *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

First Reading

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

First Canticle

A Greeting for Creation, *from A Season of Creation 2024*

All Greetings in the name of our God who is good: whose love endures forever.
Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, hills and valleys, rivers and ponds, sea and rain:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, oak and pine, hemlock and birch, tamarack and maple:
give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, hawks and sparrows, cardinals and robins, bats and
blue jays, ravens and crows: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, bears and deer, chipmunks and squirrels, and beaver
and bobcats: give to our God your thanks and praise.
Greetings to you, people of all genders, elders and children, indigenous
and colonists, diverse cultures of this rainbow land:
Nurses and teachers, scientists and artists, cleaners and clerks,
students and job-seekers, All who care, who love, and who pray,
Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play:
give to our God your thanks and praise. Amen.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Second Canticle

Canticle J, A Song of Judith

All I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious,
wonderful in strength, invincible. Let the whole creation serve you,
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

Third Reading

Mark7:1-8,14-15,21-23

After the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Reflection *The reflection may be a time of silence, a homily, or reading of a text.*

The Apostles' Creed *Said by all, standing as able.*

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

The people stand or kneel as able.

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 A

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.

The Collect of the Day

The officiant prays the collect of the day, found in the bulletin insert.

Hymn at the Prayers

Hymnal, #691

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. For all deacons in the dioceses, Linda and Drew, Archdeacons; Building Bridges Committee Members; St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo – Mary, Rector. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Barrett, Alex, Matt, Anne Marie, Abraham, John, Stephanie, Thon, Jessica, Julianne, Rachel, Cathy, Kathryn, Kris, Johnathan, Theresa. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Mary, Deb, Laura, Jennifer, Christi, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Cara, Erin, Jimmy, Mike, Keith, Gary, Fred; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Sally, Krystal, Kevin, Chris, Jerry, Carolyn, Mary, Bob & Lorraine, Raymond & Carolyn, Logan, Greg, Elizabeth, Mark; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess, Wesley, Owen; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Officiant 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 General Thanksgiving

All 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. Amen.

The Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

For a Birthday	BCP 830, #50 or #51
For an Anniversary	BCP 431, first prayer
Travelers	BCP 831, #53

Closing Hymn

Hymnal, #663, v1-3

The Dismissal and Concluding Sentence

Officiant Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20,21





*The fig tree puts forth its figs and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.*

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