



March 10, 2024

Morning Prayer, Rite One  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church



# Morning Prayer Rite One

*The Officiant says*

**BCP 37**

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 John 1:8, 9*

## **Opening Hymn**

### **Come thou fount of every blessing**

**Hymnal 686**

1) Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2) Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:

prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 41**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God  
our heavenly Father,

to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his  
hands,

to set forth his most worthy praise,

to hear his holy Word,

and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others,

those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation.

And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him,

let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess  
our sins,

that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, 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.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those 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.

*The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all  
our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

**BCP 42**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

Invitatory  
Venite

(*Walmisley*)

Hymnal S 7

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal'vation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks'giving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King a'bove all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- †5 The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands pre'pared the dry land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

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. [Ant.]

†Second half of double chant.

**The Psalter:**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
***and his mercy endures for ever.***

<sup>2</sup>Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
***that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.***

<sup>3</sup>He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
***from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.***

<sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
***they were afflicted because of their sins.***

<sup>18</sup>They abhorred all manner of food \*  
***and drew near to death's door.***

<sup>19</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
***and he delivered them from their distress.***

<sup>20</sup>He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
***and saved them from the grave.***

<sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
***and the wonders he does for his children.***

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
***and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.***

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said*

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

**Old Testament:**

**Numbers 21:4-9**

*A Reading from the book of Numbers.*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.

<sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

<sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.”

So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.”

<sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## First Canticle

**Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator**Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*

***God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:***

You made the heavens and the earth, \*

***with all their vast array.***

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*

***they tremble because of your power.***

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*

***it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.***

O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*

***long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.***

You hold back your hand; \*

***you do not punish as we deserve.***

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*

***that they may repent of their sin and be saved.***

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*

***and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.***

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*

***and I know my wickedness only too well.***

Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*

***Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.***

Do not let me perish in my sin, \*

***nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.***

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
*and in me you will show forth your goodness.*

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
*and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.*

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
*and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.*

**New Testament:**

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

<sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## Second Canticle

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

BCP 86  
Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

***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 forever. Amen.***

## Gradual Hymn

**O Love of God, how strong and true** (*Dunedin*)

Hymnal 455

1) O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2) O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3) We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

4) We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**John 3:14-21**

*A Reading from John.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

<sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

<sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **The Sermon**

### **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

*The Officiant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Amazing Grace! How Sweet The Sound** (*New Britain*)       **Hymnal 671**

1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

- 3) The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 4) Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 5) When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

All things come of thee, O Lord.

*And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP 53**

*Officiant and 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 Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant and People*

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

BCP 55

- V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
R. As our trust is in thee.  
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R. Let me never be confounded.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 167

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## A Collect for Sundays

BCP 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we,

surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Grace.**

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Guidance**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Prayer For Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People, Form III**

**BCP 387**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Jeff, our priest;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and David, our mayor;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Nancy Wallace;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially The Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Trustees, and Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of South Carolina; The Episcopal Church, and those for whom prayers have been requested.

*Please see the Prayer List Insert*

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## Collect 5

BCP 395

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

*Officiant and People*

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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 59

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee,

and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Closing Hymn

**Lift High the Cross** (*Crucifer*)

**Hymnal 473**

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1) Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

*[Refrain]*

2) Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

*[Refrain]*

3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

*[Refrain]*

4) So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory.

*[Refrain]*

## **Dismissal**

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.***

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

Let us go forth rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Announcements:

- ◆ We have a New **Bible Study**! This morning we continued a new study in discussion format (*No homework!*). Come at **9:15** each Sunday morning and participate in this enjoyable Bible chat.
- ◆ It's time to order **Easter Lilies**! There are order forms on the table in the Chapel Foyer area. Lilies are \$15 each, which supports the St. David's Flower Fund. Please order by **Monday, March 25**, and you can pick up your lily after the Easter Sunday service.
- ◆ St. David's is offering the very moving **Stations of the Cross**. Plan to attend at least one service; they'll be on **Fridays**, at **12:00 noon**, on the following dates: **March 8, 15, 22 & 29**. To help with reading at one or more services, contact Bob Mitchell or Fr. Jeff.
- ◆ Our community is offering **Lenten Lunch** services, on **Wednesdays** at **12:00 noon**, in **February** and **March**. Each Lenten Lunch begins with a brief message from one of the participating churches, followed by a tasty lunch provided by another of the churches. The schedule will be available soon; watch for your St. David's Newsletter.
- ◆ Join us for our **Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Fr. Jeff has a weekly time of **conversation and prayer** with staff members and anyone who wishes to come, most **Tuesdays at 1:00** in his office. The purpose is to lift up and encourage, and to inform one another about projects and events going on in the church. All are welcome!

◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Our next delivery dates are:

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Mar 15** ....pick up on **Thursday, Mar 21** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Mar 29** ..... pick up on **Thursday, Apr 4** (12:30-3:30)

Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Apr 12** .....pick up on **Thursday, Apr 18** (12:30-3:30)



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Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.



Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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