Reflecting Christ’s Image Through Inclusive Relationships, Unconditional Love, and Joyful Service

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Cor 12:26
MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Easter is the season of praise as we glorify the risen Christ. There are 50 days of the Easter season that ends on the Day of Pentecost.

The service of Morning Prayer has roots in the regular daily prayer in monastic and early Christian communities. In many parts of the Anglican Communion, Morning Prayer (or “Matins”, from the Latin term for morning) has been the principal Sunday service for faithful communities, and this service has a rich history of use in The Episcopal Church.

Welcome

Announcements

The service of Morning Prayer immerses us in scripture, and the Opening Sentences provide a scriptural call to worship which varies with the season.

Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Confession which we say together as part of our preparatory acts of worship allows us to bring our failures and weakness individually and as a community, to God, to ask God’s help in facing the evil in the world around us, and to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness and strength, which the priest reminds us of in the Absolution.

Confession

The Officiant says to the People
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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 sit or kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Officiant, and People beginning after the break

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

Absolution

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. Amen.

In the Opening Invitatory we greet God and one another with praise of God who is known to us as the Lord of our life.

Opening Invitatory & Psalter
Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia!

Response in unison

*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.*

We now begin the immersion in scripture which is a primary feature of the church’s daily prayer by saying an **Invitatory Psalm**, a short excerpt from the book of Psalms. However, in the season of Easter we substitute this for excerpts from Holy Scripture that proclaim Christ as our Passover lamb.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Word made flesh and dwelt among us:
People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

**Christ our Passover**

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*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

*Alleluia.*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, * the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, * so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
    Hallelujah!

Response to the Psalm  
unison

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.
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who
does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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We now turn our attention to responding to the Word we have been immersed in, with affirmation that these stories are part of our Christian story, and with prayer.

As part of our response to the Word of God in our lives, we proclaim The Apostles Creed, the earliest known formal statement of Christian faith, found in ancient liturgies of baptism. The term “creed” comes from the Latin Credo, “I believe”.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

Officiant, and People beginning after the break (*)

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.
We continue by praying together, first in the traditional form of the Lord’s Prayer, based on the way that Jesus taught his first disciples to pray (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4).

The Prayers

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.

The suffrages are a responsive form of prayer for the needs of the world and of the gathered community composed almost entirely of scriptural excerpts, especially from the Psalms.

Suffrages A

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People And grant us your salvation.

Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People Let your people sing with joy.

Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in you can we live in safety.

Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Leader Let your way be known upon earth;  
People Your saving health among all nations.

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day helps to focus our attention on the theme of the day or season. The following Collects are prayers following a pattern of acknowledgement of God’s work and petition for a gift such as protection, guidance or renewal.

The Collect of the Day  unison

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life  BCP, page 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Intercessions & Thanksgivings  BCP, page 101

Pray silently or aloud what is on your heart today
Exchange of Peace

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Today, in the spirit of Christ’s peace, please reach out to greet someone you might normally see in worship by telephone, internet, or text message.

We would normally receive a collection of money for the support of the church, at this point in a Sunday service, while the choir sings an anthem.

Please mail your regular pledge check to the office, use your bank’s online payment system, or visit https://calvarylombard.org to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering while we are unable to gather in person.

Concluding Prayers and Sending Forth

We affirm our offering and finish our shared work of prayer in The General Thanksgiving, an expression of gratitude and commitment to God.

The General Thanksgiving

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.

We conclude as we began, with a sentence of scripture. In this case,
Morning Prayer offers a choice of several short passages that contain a
benediction, or bestowing of a blessing upon the people.

Benediction
May Christ, who in bursting from the grave and won a glorious victory, give you
joy as you share the Easter faith, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

+ Sending Forth into the World
Officiant: May the loving power of God, which raised Jesus to new life, strengthen
you in hope, enrich you with his love, and fill you with joy in the faith.
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia
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