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

April 19, 2020
Second 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
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.
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: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover

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 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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.

When using Morning Prayer, as a response to the reading it is customary to
have a Canticle read or sung, after each reading. In lieu of this we will have
a sermon in response to the readings.
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
    for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
    moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
    or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
    you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
    nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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.
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily Mother Mo
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”.

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**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.
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*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

**A Collect for Mission**  
*BCP, page 816*
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Intercessions & Thanksgivings

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

BCP, page 101
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.

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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