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

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FOURTH 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!

People: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord! Amen.

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Officiant, and People together in a posture of reverence to God.

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.
**Opening Invitatory & Psalter**

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**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.**

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*Psalm 100*
Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Response to the Psalm
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.

The Word of God

A Reading from the book of Acts
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having
the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

A reading from the First letter of Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them
out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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”.

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

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